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A MINE HORROR.

An Explosion That Deals Death and Destruction.

THIRTY-SEVEN PERISH.

WITHOUT A MOMENT'S WARNING, USHERED INTO ETERNITY.

Hundreds to the Rescue—An Unsuccessful Attempt Made to Enter the Mine—The Drift Choked with Debris—Heartrending Scenes in Their Homes.

GRAFTON, W Va., Jan 22 —The most disastrous mine explosion ever known in the annals of West Virginia mining occurred at Newburg in the shaft of the Newburg Orrell Coal company at that point. The shaft is 385 feet deep, at the bottom of which thirty seven miners—men and boys, were at work in the different gangways and chambers Without a moment's warning, a terrific explosion occurred, dealing death and destruction to the vicinity The shock of the explosion was felt throughout the village and at once created a panic among its citizens, especially among those who had relatives employed in the mine.

A large crowd of people quickly gathered around the mouth of the shaft, all anxious to succor the entombed men Several attempts were made to descend before a successful entrance could be made Finally Mr Riley Mets, accompanied by two other miners, entered the shaft and reached the heading in which the explosion took place, but were prevented from going further by the debris, which choked up the little drift. They were unable to discover anything but the shattered timbers of the mine, which were strewn in every direction

Several subsequent attempts were fruitless, owing to the prevalance of black damp which precluded the possibility of working in the mine. The following are the unfortunate persons, whose fate is unknown and can only be surmised.

DANIEL MILLER eager, married, and his son B MILLER, aged 15

MILES CLARK and MIKE KENNY, miners.

WM. and FRANK LAYMIRE, twin brothers.

JOHN CONOWAY, WM. LANESBERRY and A. WEIR; JOHN TIMMONS and his son, aged 12

J S LAMBERT, CLINTON ALBRIGHT, CHAS TUNLEY, RICHERD BURTLEY, his son, three step sons and son-in-law, JOHN BEYERS, PETER HANLEY

Two brothers named WEAVER

NEWTON MOORE, FRANK MOON, J. S, SPENCER, ANDREW SCOTT, JACK EDWARDS, ARTHUR OGDEN, ALBERT WILLIAMS, GEO RIGGINS, ADAM FORTNEY, JOHN CARROLL, JAS MCGOWAN, JACK CARNBY, MORGAN MILTER.

It is feared that all of them were instantly killed or were suffocated? Efforts are being made to reach the men, but it is feared they cannot be reached before several hours. The scenes about the shaft and throughout the town in the homes of the imprisoned men, are heartrending It is the general opinion among *experienced miners* that none of the men in the mine could have survived such a terrible explosion, and that they are all dead. There are a few who are hoping against hope that some of them may still be alive and may be rescued

LABOR TROUBLES.

Miners and Cokers—Dying—More Arrests Another Riot—More Strikers.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 22 —Latest reports from Scottdale state that everything is quiet there. The four men beaten are not expected to live. Three more Hungarians were arrested while attempting to blow up the Standard store with dynamite

At Uniontown the miners of four mines have come out, adding 800 men to the strike The men are flocking into Uniontown and are filling up on whisky and getting ready for mischief

At Connellsville, in anticipation of the strike the operators had secured three car loads of Hungarians in New York, but on their arrival they were stopped at Confluence and not allowed to leave the cars

The mass meeting at Dunbar was attended by 2 000 diggers. Forty-six mines were reported idle At 2 o'clock this morning a large body of strikers left Bradford and visited every works on the Mount Pleasant branch of the Baltimore & Ohio

A Mount Pleasant special says "Hostilities between officers and Hungarians began here again at daybreak Seventy five shots were fired and nine arrests made. Several small conflicts took place during the day but no one seriously hurt. Seventeen arrests were made in all, the entire party being conveyed to Greensburg Attempts will be made at several of the works to get the men started to work which is sure to cause more serious trouble."

The heirs are fighting over the estate of Mayor Bowman, of East St. Louis, who was recently assassinated, and reputed to have been very rich.

QUEEN VIC SCATHED

Leading Irish Americans Give Their Views of the Speech—Victory.

CHICAGO, Jan 22.—Patrick Egan was interviewed by a reporter of the United Press regarding that portion of the queen's speech which touches upon the Irish question "Pronouncements of that kind," he said, "mean nothing It is always the rule in royal speeches to utilize language that will conceal ideas rather than express them Her majesty says nothing new We all know of her dislike to Home Rule movements The situation is such that, no matter what she may say, parliament will be compelled to deal with the Home Rule question and grant it to Ireland

"Her reference to Coercion is also vague and will not lead to any material results in Ireland From experience we know that pronouncements of that kind precede surrender We know that this, our national movement, upholds the key of the position, and we are all quite confident as to the result"

"Under this menace, said the Hon. John Finerty," after he had read the queen's speech, "the Irish people must make up their minds to meet the crisis with a courage displayed by the American colonists in dealing with the queen's grandfather, George the Third The queen of England has a personal grudge against Ireland, because Dublin refused a site for the statue of her husband, the late Prince Albert, who once said of the Irish that they ought to live on grass and deserved no more sympathy than the Poles. The speech seals the fate of the Salisbury ministry, and then, should Mr Gladstone on returning to power, refuse to meet the Irish demand *in a fair spirit no recourse* will be left to Ireland to obtain her rights but to resort to first principles; in other words, she will be compelled to make physical sacrifices that have been made by all other people, similarly circumstanced What her methods will be is simply a question of national resources. If she cannot meet England *inside the rules of war*, she will have to meet her outside of those rules, and she cannot be blamed if the increasing brutality of England forces her to adopt a system of warfare not laid down in England't military text books, but which are, nevertheless, always practiced by English armies when they invade the domains of *weak antagonists*"

"This is about what I expected," said the Rev Dr O'Reilly "It is well worthy of the woman who, when her Irish subjects were starving gave such a miserable contribution to relieve their distress that it could not be conceived by the Sultan of Turkey He sent a contribution double the amount at that time, but a little diplomatic correspondence set on foot about it in which it was represented on behalf of her humane and generous majesty that it must court etiquette for the sultan to give a larger donation than she did It is also well worthy of the object for which she comes to open parliament in person, namely, to bolster up the old worn out Tory policy

"Do you think it will have that effect?"

"I do not, but, on the contrary, I think it will have the very opposite result. It is so extreme that thinking statesmen will pay no attention to it and reasonable people will be disgusted If it means anything it means an indorsement of the saying and doing of the disreputable little Orage clique in Ireland Jus now John Bull is very mad, and he Queen of England, to my mind, is the personification of the worst qualities of the English people—a selfish, bigotted, brutal, old woman"

ELLEN, LILLIAN, AND LORETTA.

Captain John Nugent Has Occasion to Think but It's All Right.

NEW YORK, Jan 22 —There was one place where the sailors train beating all day against window panes utterly failed to saddon the people in doors, and that place was the snug cabin of the canal boat Thomas Mason, berthed in the shadow of the big Erie grain elevator on the Jersey City side of the Pavonia ferry slip. The fact is, Capt. John Nugent had just been made the father of triplets, and the mother and all were doing well under the careful attention of the wives of two other captains.

The Thomas Mason lay hemmed in by fifty other canal boats as alike in general appearance as peas in a pod But there was something particularly tidy about the little lace window curtains of the Thomas Mason, and a big volume of smoke from the brand new stovepipe that protruded from the deck of the cabin Inside the cabin window geranium plants rested on the window sill and, singular as it may seem three little scarlet geraniums peeped out at the storm Capt. Nugent was scrubbing the cabin windows on the outside when a reporter started him by mentioning his name

"I was thinking," said the captain, apologetically as he turned with a smile of greeting "No, sir not one of 'em will be president They're all girls and it's all right They're christened already, Ellen, Lillian and Loretta We had had three children already born to us and twice three are six. Who would have dreamed it? But it's all right"

THE RAILWAY WORLD.

Close of the General Baggage Masters' Convention—Notes.

CINCINNATI Jan 22 —The National association of general baggage agents reassembled with a full representation President Marston in the chair and Secretary Quick at his post The question of registering and recording excess baggage so that intermediate lines may have a check on the amount of excess charged, was taken up Several different forms of tags and tickets were presented and after an interesting discussion it was resolved that each road shall report to next convention a form which they will be willing to adopt and thus showing the excess paid, so that interested lines may take a record as it goes over their line.

The freight transfer and passenger office of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway company will be removed to their new commodious quarters, southwest corner Fifth and Walnut streets, on Tuesday next. The Kanawha dispatch office will, after that date, be at the same corner

The earnings of the Cincinnati Southern division of the Queen & Crescent for the second week of January, 86 were $82 631, a decrease of $1 284, as compared with the same week last year, and almost altogether traceable to the cold wave which prevailed at the time.

VAN WYCK'S NEW BILL.

PREVENTING THE DEMONETIZATION OF AMERICAN COIN.

Mr. Morrill is Mistaken—An Unlawful Conspiracy—Strike of Capital Against Labor. Providing for the Counting of the Electoral Vote—Washington News.

WASHINGTON Jan 22 —Mr VanWyck introduced a bill to "prevent the demonetization of American coin by certain persons in the United States." Introducing this bill Mr VanWyck said that Mr Morrill remarked that no parties in the senate or out of it were seeking to demonetize silver But even now, Mr VanWyck continued, and for some time, there had been a determination or conspiracy to demonetize silver and violate the laws and constitution. Some years ago national banks in New York made an attempt to demonetize by ostracising silver, but as they were the immediate creatures of the law they had shrewdly calculated the risks of the venture.

Now the wedge was to be entered in a different way Capital was arraying itself against the laws and the almost universal sentiment and prosperity of the people. It was a bold and deliberate "strike" done with malice aforethought against the interests of the masses of labor

The bill to provide for the counting of the electoral vote was then resumed Mr Sherman opened the discussion He said the bill, which had once or twice passed the *senate, came before it again* at the beginning of an administration, when no party advantage could be derived from our decision—when the senate was clearly on one side of party politics and the house of representatives was clearly on the other side Now, if ever, this matter should be settled on some basis of principle In most of its *features, Mr Sherman continued, the bill* was not objectionable to anyone There is no provision in the constitution for the settlement of any dispute relating to the legality of the votes of the electors whether the electors had conformed to the law or the constitution, whether one set or another set of electors had been elected, and *no provision pointing out any authority*, any person or any body to decide which of the two sets of returns should be counted

Eleven cases of dispute over electoral votes had arisen in the past. Fortunately the two houses had been able to avoid serious difficulty by saying that, however the disputed votes were counted, it would not change the result *until in 1877*, a point was reached that did nearly threaten the very existence of civil war, or might have done so under certain circumstances. Then the count did change the result, where a change even to the extent of one vote might have changed the result.

"That," said Mr Sherman, "was happily averted by the contrivance of the electoral commission—because I cannot call it much more than contrivance and I suppose Senators will not call it anything else I did not support it at the time, by which a solution was found for the difficulty without strife. I think this is a vital question, that we ought to decide. We ought to approach it without regard to party affiliation, and try if we can, to decide this most difficult question of American politics."

The objection he had to the bill under consideration was that it did not solve any of these questions that have arisen in the past or that are likely to arise in the future He was satisfied that the bill, as it now stood, was not a proper solution of the difficulties involved in the presidential is precisely Mr Pickwick's advise to his followers

"Always shout with the mob" And when Mr Tapman suggested "Suppose there are two mobs?" Mr Pickwick replied. "Then shout with the largest." [Laughter]

At 4 10 p m, upon motion of Mr Edmunds, the senate went into executive session At 5 p m the doors were reopened and the senate adjourned till Monday next

House

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 —The house resumed the consideration of the bill increasing pensions of soldiers' widows from $8 to $12 per month

Wolford, of Kentucky, made an impassioned speech in favor of the bill He advocated the repeal of the arrearages limitation, but thought that to incorporate this provision bill might endanger the passage of both

He was frequently interrupted by Brown, of Indiana, and the lively passages between the two gentlemen created considerable amusement

Mr Reagan, of Texas, took the ground that only soldiers who had been disabled in the war or widows who had been wives of soldiers at the time the disability had occurred should receive pensions He criticized the manner in which pension bills were passed by congress and stated that he would drive the petitioners to the pension office and make them give the proofs required by law He would not allow them to come here with ex parte evidence and secure pensions

Mr Reagan said he had occupied a seat in the house when the arrears act had passed, and he had seen Democrats urging Democrats to vote for it, because it would give them the soldier vote, and Republicans urging Republicans to vote for it in order to get ahead of the Democrats No one would doubt that instead of the supreme and sole motive for this legislation being to secure justice to those who served their country Another and stronger motive was to secure political supremacy He warned members that the point might be reached when public opinion would revolt against voting away the money of the toiling millions in this sort of way He asserted that there were numbers of men—he might say thousands—who were receiving pensions, who had no more right to them than he had

Mr Matson spoke briefly in favor of the bill urging that it be passed without amendment

The bill was then read in sections for amendment.

Mr Townshend, of Illinois, offered an amendment providing that whenever invalid pensioner shall die his widow or minor children shall be entitled to an original pension without being required to prove that the death of the pensioner was due to his military or naval service

Mr Townshend thought the amendment was meritorious and justifiable from every standpoint If a soldier who had unfortunately incurred a disability in the service should die it was nothing more than human and just that the widow and children should be furnished with means sufficient to keep them out of the poor house

Mr. Cutcheon, of Michigan, in speaking in support of the amendment denied the right of the gentleman from Texas (Mr Reagan) to impugn the motive and integrity of every gentleman who voted for an increase of pensions to the soldiers of the late war

"I hope the gentleman feels better, Mr Chairman," was Mr Reagan's only reply, when Mr Cutcheon took his seat

Mr. Townshend's amendment was rejected by a vote of 108 to 115.

On motion of Mr Sowden, of Pennsylvania, an amendment was adopted, making it a misdemeanor for any person to receive any money for the prosecution of any claim arising under this act

Mr Brown, of Indiana, then offered his amendment *repealing the committee on* arrears of pension act.

Mr Rogers, of Arkansas, raised the point that the amendment was not in order, as it contained the substance of a bill pending before the house A long discussion of the point followed, and in order to enable the matter to be looked into still further, the house, at 4 15 p. m., adjourned

The President's Reception.

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 —The dinner given by the president at the executive mansion in honor of the diplomatic corps, was the most brilliant social event of the present administration The dresses of the ladies were particularly elaborate and handsome The president occupied a seat at the center of the table flanked on either side by Mrs Romero, wife of the Mexican minister, and Viscountess Das Nogueras, wife of the Portugese minister Opposite, facing the president, was Miss Cleveland On her right the Portugese minister and on her left the Italian minister The other guests present were The British minister, Mrs Porter, the Hawaiian minister, the Peruvian minister, the Russian charge d'affairs, the Venezuelan minister, the Japanese minister, Mrs. Utley, Mr Belmont, Mrs. Cassidy, the Argentine minister, the Brazilian minister, the charge d'affaires of Costa Rica and Salvador, the German minister, Mrs. Fall, the Mexican minister, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. de Reuterskiold, the French minister, Miss West, the Ottoman minister, the charge d'affaires of Austria-Hungary, the Netherland minister, the Danish minister, Miss Lowe, the assistant secretary of state, Mrs. Langston, the minister of Sweden and Norway Col. Cassidy, the Ecuadorian minister, the Swiss minister, Baroness Deltajuba, the Belgian minister

VanWyck's Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 —The following is the text of Mr VanWyck's bill introduced in the senate to prevent demonetizing American coin Be it enacted, Section 1—Any promissory note, check, draft, bill of exchange or any contract or agreement requiring the payment of money which stipulates and requires the payment thereof to be in gold coin alone shall be void and of no effect.

Section 2—In any prosecution on any such note, check, or draft, bill of exchange, or any other contract or agreement, requiring payment of gold coin in any territory of the United States, or in any Federal court besides the ordinary costs charged against plaintiff, the court shall also allow 10 per cent of the amount to be entered in judgment for defendant as part of the costs to be paid by plaintiff

Section 3—Any person, or agent or attorney of any person, who shall demand or secure any such note, draft, bill of exchange or other contract or agreement requiring the payment of money in gold coin alone shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by a fine of not less than one-half or more than the full amount mentioned in such promissory note draft or bill of exchange or contract of agreement.

THE FESTIVE COWBOY.

He Tanks Up in Texas with Tanglefoot and Tries to Run a Town.

MONTAGUE, Tex, Jan 22 —A band of cowboys from the Indian Territory rode into Burlington, a little town some ten miles north of here They immediately began carousing, and after getting a sufficient quantity of tanglefoot aboard to make them desperate they assembled on the public square and began an indiscriminate fusilade to the great consternation of the quiet inhabitants of Burlington

City Marshal Tucker and Deputy Sheriff Cook attempted to arrest the rioters. The cowboys, with horrible oaths and threats defied the officers and threatened to kill any one who attempted to interfere with them The officers were, however, undaunted by these threats and having been reinforced by a number of courageous citizens of the town boldly advanced and demanded the surrender of the band Upon this the mob began firing upon the officers Upward of forty shots were fired when the outlaw becoming frightened by the determined action of the officers and their posse of citizens, broke and fled for the Indian nation They were boldly pursued by officers, a running fight ensued which resulted in the killing of four cowboys and five horses.

The names of the killed are Lake Jackson, Billy Winnis, a cowboy named Turner and one cowboy name unknown It is supposed that others of the party were wounded but as they succeeded in eluding the officers their condition is unknown. This is the boldest attempt to overthrow the law that has been made in Montague county for years and it is supposed that the summary manner with which the attempt was put down will have a most salutary effect upon the lawless element who's headquarters are in the Indian Territory

He Was Too Late

HAROLD, Tex Jan 22 —James Lullard, a cowboy, who has been in the habit of getting drunk and riding into the saloons and stores, came into town again and attempted to repeat his old tricks, but was foiled Private Y D Murray, of the Rangers, attempted to arrest him by grabbing the bridle reins. He requested Lullard to halt At this Lullard pulled his Winchester rifle at the ranger but Murray proved too quick, and shot him through the heart with a six shooter, killing him instantly

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

PERMEATED WITH A SPIRIT OF DEFIANCE AND DISTRUST

Reforms for England and Scotland and Warnings and Compliments for Ireland. Parnell Has Not Reached His Goal—An Exciting Day of Speechmaking—Foreign.

LONDON, Jan 22 —The Boston Globe's representative has cabled as follows Every one is commenting upon the spirit of defiance and distrust of Ireland which runs through all parts of the queen's speech It is noted that even the promises of local government reforms are mainly confined to England and Scotland, the complaints and warnings being reserved for Ireland It is conceded that Mr. Parnell, in spite of his remarkable achievements in the late campaign, has not quite yet reached his goal. But with his compact following, in the precarious condition of the great parties, he is regarded as having a fair chance of success by combination and diplomacy in his efforts to compel a more liberal policy toward Ireland

The peculiar wording of the queen's reference to the depression of trade, a mere expression of regret and sympathy, creates an impression that no attempt will be made at the present session to bring forward measures to mitigate the evils admitted to exist, either by means of tariff charges or by steps for local relief

The day has been an exciting one and the various speeches and declarations of the political leaders are not yet sufficiently digested by the public to enable their significance to be fully estimated

The two facts that stand out plainly are that Lord Salisbury has chosen to boldly defy any opposition based on an alliance with Parnell on Home Rule principles, and that Mr Gladstone, while mildly advocating a fair treatment of Ireland has not yet made a definition of his policy The next move of the political chieftains is eagerly awaited as likely to precipitate the real test of their relative strength

Whenever Mr Gladstone had spoke in favor of measures looking toward the integrity of the empire he had done so in a halfhearted way, and the absence of firmness from his utterances had enraged the enemies of the goverment to the commission of the very acts which his speeches had sought to prevent In the house of commons Mr Gladstone said that nothing could have been more honorable than Lord Salisbury's ter and promptitude in the Roumelian matter hearty support of the opposition in any matter affecting the government's policy concerning the Roumelian and Burmese questions

In regard to Ireland, Mr Gladstone said he was convinced that only a gentle and conciliating manner of handling the Irish question would move effectual Whatever was necessary for Ireland, he said, should be done promptly If we would maintain the union, let us strive to do justice to the great, and I may say, gigantic interests committed to our care

Salisbury.

LONDON, Jan 22.—In the house of lords Lord Salisbury said that Germany had given assurance that she had no intention of annexing the Samoan Islands to the German colonial system or in any way interfering with the present status of that territory

Concerning the Irish question he said that the present government had refrained from renewing the Crimes act because there had at times appeared to be a prospect that order might be restored in Ireland without resorting to severe measures The experiment of dispensing with the Crimes act or a similar formula of method for the protection of life and property and the enforcement of the local laws had, however, failed completely To the influence of Mr Gladstone's speeches he ascribed many of the evils which had beset Ireland, as well as to which the lawlessness in Ireland subjects the people of England.

WANTED TO DIE.

Mrs. Belle Sturgeon Tries to Find Her Life in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Jan 22 —Mrs. Belle Sturgeon, residing at No 232 Water street, attempted suicide, but was frustrated in her designs by the peculiar manner she went about the contemplated act She, at the time mentioned, gave a sealed note to a woman living in the same building, with instructions not to open the same for one hour

The receiver of the letter then suspected something and related the fact to her husband, who immediately repaired with his wife to Mrs Sturgeon's apartments, where she was found lying in a comatose state on a sofa The man ran for a policeman, while others, hearing of the affair, succeeded in calling physicians, who ordered her removed to the city hospital She remained unconscious all day, but about 5 o'clock returned to her senses She and her husband have not been living very happily of late, and she was addicted to the habit of opium eating The letter she left related how her funeral should be conducted She took both morphine and opium but neither had the desired effect

Via Morphine Route.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan 22 —Henry Purcell, traveling salesman for Watson, Goodward & Co, of New York, committed suicide in his room at the Colonnade hotel by taking morphine He retired about 4 a m, and not making his appearance during the day, his room was broken into when the body was found lying dead on the bed He has been suffering for several years from a cancer in his head, and the intense pain which he suffered constantly is supposed to have unsettled his reason The coroner has taken charge of the body and an inquest will be held to day

Long on Wheat.

MILWAUKEE Jan 22 J B Oliver, commission merchant of this city, has failed He has been long on wheat for two years and could not stand the pressure He owes $3 200 here and cut no ice as he has been believed to be shaky for some time He is reported to owe Chicago parties about $50,000

CONDENSED NEWS.

Topics of the Times Cut Short for Hasty Readers.

J B Oliver, prominent Milwaukee wheat trader, has failed

A young lady skater and her escort were drowned at Dawson, Pa.

James McCormick, base ball pitcher, has joined the Chicago club

Three robbers and murderers have been sentenced to death at Carlisle, Pa.

Albert Henman, a Youngstown, Ohio, skater, was lost through a hole in the ice.

Charles H Roby, founder of the town of Ashland, Kas, was killed in a street fight.

Three boilers exploded in the Terre Haute distillery, killing two men and fatally injuring others.

The general passenger agents' meeting in Cincinnati adjourned after adopting a plan of organization

A meeting of nail men in New York advanced the prices of standard steel wire nails 5 per cent.

A reunion of surviving officers and members of the Ohio constitutional convention of 1850 is talked of

The National baggage masters' association adjourned in Cincinnati to meet next year at Niagara Falls.

A man named *Ward, of Atlanta, Ga.*, has become a raving maniac He shows symptoms of hydrophobia.

Thirty dogs, supposed to be infected with rabies virus, were killed in the public square at Vandalia, Mo

One of the Pennsylvania coke rioters was shot through the body, and a number were arrested and lodged in jail

$45,000 Damages.

BROOKLYN, Jan 22 —After three trials a jury rendered a verdict in the suit of Thos. A. Stringham against Mrs A T Stewart, the widow of the late merchant prince, for $45,000 as damage for injuries received *while in her employ by falling from* an elevator on her farm at Garden City, L. I. The plaintiff laid damages at $50,000

Indications.

WASHINGTON, Jan 22 —Indications —For Tennessee and Ohio Valley Increasing cloudiness followed by local snows or in the southern portion by local rains, variable winds, slightly rising temperature, preceded this morning by slightly colder weather

For Saturday Fair weather is indicated for New England and the Middle Atlantic states, and colder fair weather for the Upper Lake region, the Upper Mississippi valley and the West Gulf states.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Quotations of the Market, Jan. 21.

NEW YORK—Money 2 per cent Exchange firm. Governments strong

Currency sixes 125½ bid, fours, coupons 123½ bid four and a halfs 112½ bid.

The stock market opened ¼ to ¾ per cent lower than yesterday on some selling said to be for foreign account but the market strengthened almost immediately after the opening and prices advanced on a buying of St Paul and the Vanderbilt properties induced by a report to the effect that President Garrett, of the B & O was in town for the purpose of confirming with the Trunk line representatives with a view to settling the rate war The best prices of the day were current at midday Since noon the market has been unsettled and irregular for the coal stocks, but firm for the rest of the list

Bur & Quincy	103¼	Morris & Essex	108
Canadian Pacific	47¾	Missouri Pacific	109
Canada Southern	40	N Y & Erie	24½
Central Pacific	40½	N Y Central	103¾
Chicago & Alton	21	Nash & Chatt	48
C, C, C & I	57	Northwestern	107
Del & Hudson	88¾	Northern Pacific	20¼
Del Lack & W	110¾	do preferred	48½
Denver & Rio G	17	Ohio & Miss	25
Erie seconds	81¾	Pacific Mail	58¾
East Tennessee	11	Rock Island	122½
Illinois Central	111	St Paul	92½
Jersey Central	43	St P & S C	90
Kansas & Texas	20	do preferred	103¼
Lake Shore	94½	Texas & Pacific	12
Louisville & Nash	34½	Union Pacific	50¾
Mich Central	71½	Western Union	74

Cincinnati.

FLOUR—Fancy, $4 30@4 65, family, $4 00@4 25

WHEAT—No 2 red 88@88c No, 2 90@91c

CORN—No 2 mixed 36½@37c, No 2 mixed 34½@35c.

OATS—No 2 mixed 31@31½c, No 2 mixed 32@32½c No 1 white, 33¼@34c

PORK—Family, $10 75@10 87½, regular $10 62½@10 75

BACON—Short clear sides, 5 90@5 95c

LARD—Kettle 6 50@6¾c.

CHEESE—Fancy to choice Ohio 9½@10c, New York 10@11c Northwestern, 8@9c.

POULTRY Choice full grown chickens $3 50@4 00 ducks $3 50@4 00 geese, $5 00@6 50 per dozen live turkeys 7@9c.

WOOL Unwashed medium clothing 24@25c, fine merino 20@21c, common 15@16c. Hence washed medium clothing 30@31c combing 30@32c, fine merino X and XX, 30@33c fine and choice 17@20c, tub washed 28@34c, pulled, 24@28c.

HAY—No 1 timothy $12 50@13 00 No 2 $11 50@12 00 mixed $10 50@11 00, prairie $8 00@9 00, wheat, oats and rye straw $5 00@6 50

CATTLE—Good to choice butchers $3 85@4 50, fair $3 60@3 75, common $2 00@2 75, stockers and feeders $3 50@3 75 yearlings and calves, $2 50@3 50

HOGS—Selected butchers $4 00@4 20 fair to good packing $3 90@4 00 fair to good light $4 00@4 10 common $3 70@3 90 culls $2 75@3 50

SHEEP—Common to fair $2 50@3 25 good to choice $3 75@4 00 common to fair lambs, $3 00@3 50, good to choice $4 00@4 50

New York

WHEAT—No 2 red January 88c, February 87½c March 90c April 93½@94¼c, May 94c

CORN—Mixed January 57½c, February, 48¾c March 49

OATS—Western 36¾@43c January 36½c, February 36c

CATTLE—$4 10@6 20 per 100 lbs. live weight,

HOGS—$4 00@4 80 per 100 lbs

SHEEP—$3 00@5 00 per lbs live weight

COTTON—Quiet Middling uplands 9 ¼c, do Orleans 9½c January 9 10 February 9 27, March 9 38 April 9 49 May 9 60 June 9 70, July 9 80c August 9 8c

Chicago

CATTLE—Choice to extra shipping $3 45@3 80, common to fair $3 00@3 40 stockers and feeders, $2 00@3 40 Texans $3 00@3 40

HOGS—Extra, at $4 10@4 15 mixed packing $4 00@4 05 choice heavy $4 10@4 30

SHEEP—Common $2 00@3 00 Texans $2 15@3 15

New Orleans.

SUGAR Fully fair 4 4-16c, centrifugal white 6½@6¾c off white 6 9-16c choice yellow, 6c white clarified 6 9-16c

MOLASSES—Prime 35@38c, centrifugal, 21@28c

COTTON—Middling uplands 8½c

Liverpool

PORK—Dull prime mess eastern, 51s, do western 48s 6d

LARD Spot January 32s 6d *February and* March 32s 9d

WHEAT—New No 2 winter at 7s 1½d, do spring at 8 1½d

FLOUR Poor demand at 8s 2d

CORN—Spot 4s 7½d, January 4s 2d, February, 4s 2d, March 4s 2d

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There is more favorable prospect that the present congress may decide to admit Dakota as a State. The interview of the delegation from the territory with the President was quite satisfactory, and it is the report of a committee of the two houses, concurred in by all parties, that the members of congress with the territory for admission can be trusted.

That measure to regulate the sale of oleomargarine is now at work in the legislature. The Senate committee on Public Health and Comfort, after an investigation, commenced in this city after the Hamilton county election in March, the House Committee on Privileges and Elections after a similar investigation, and a special committee of the House investigating bribery in connection with the election of Senator Payne. This is a good record for three bodies.

Another effort to impeach Judge Hawker of the United States district court for the northern district of this state, for alleged corruption in office, was made in congress on the first day of the session. It was a resolution introduced by Mr. Weaver, of Iowa, directing the committee on the judiciary to investigate the charges against Judge Hawker, and report to the house whether he should be impeached. The resolution was referred to the committee on the judiciary, and will probably be reported back with a recommendation that the judge be impeached. The charges against Judge Hawker are of a very serious character, and if sustained by the evidence, will undoubtedly result in his impeachment and removal from office.

Democratic Senators will be *generously peppered* over the question as to what course they shall pursue in the event of the publication and vote upon the Administration's notice of removal in favor of the ex-postmaster to allow the President to fill the vacancy. Mr. Cleveland's friends appear to be taking the situation very coolly, seemingly indifferent as to what his party friends in congress do. In view of the attitude of some of the Democratic Senators it is not surprising that the President should manifest unconcern in expressing their opinion on the matter. He has thus far received very little encouragement from the members of his party in congress.

A law of Michigan imposes a tax in the form of license on all persons selling liquor in that State to be shipped from another State. Under the law a traveling salesman for a Chicago firm was prosecuted and convicted in the circuit court. He appealed to the *circuit court of appeals* and was there found guilty. The case was then *taken to the Supreme Court of the United States*, the question being whether the statute is repugnant to the Constitution of the United States. On Monday the supreme court rendered an opinion that the Michigan law is not a regulation of interstate and foreign commerce among the States and is such a *usurpation* of power conferred upon congress by the Constitution as to render it repugnant to the Constitution and void. There is no similar law in any other State to which this decision will apply.

Mr. Wakeman's motion in the Ohio senate to have *the General Assembly provide* for instruction in physiology and hygiene with special reference to the effect of alcoholic liquors upon the human system in the public schools of the State, received the unanimous support of the press of the state, but there is no provision for such instruction in the bill for the support of the public schools that will be reported to the legislature. It is to be hoped that the committee on education will see the importance of the subject and provide for the instruction of the children in the public schools in the principles of physiology and hygiene.

Rugs and Carpets from the Past

Oriental rugs and carpets have attracted attention of late in a way not likely to pass away. Even many rooms are now where not a single piece of domestic manufacture is to be found, but all the floors are covered with rugs and carpets of Persian and Turkish designs and colorings.

Rugs and carpets are much older than the Christian era. Moses directed the curtains and carpets of the tabernacle to be made of fine linen and colored wools, and Solomon's temple was hung with tapestries and carpeted with rugs. Homer tells us that Ulysses and Penelope sat on rugs when they conversed with each other, and Herodotus describes Xerxes as sitting on a throne of gold, with rugs of the same material under his feet. Rugs were used in the temples of Egypt, Greece and Rome, and in the days of the Crusaders they were brought from the East in great numbers. Harper's Bazar.

The Pleasures of This World

Gambetta and Ferry had each eighteen months in the Paris Bastile. There is more than this crass need of capacity for any satisfactory enjoyment. How few so thoroughly taste this as to wonder how any lazily rich man can wait to be a millionaire. The pleasures in the hand and all that are infinite, and the more your capacity to enjoy them increases. Exchange.

RESTAURANT SHARPERS.

TRICKS OF DEAD BEATS WHO WANT TO EAT BUT NOT TO PAY

What Restaurant Proprietors and Waiters Say How Frauds Are Detected When Caught In the Act—Many Methods Taken

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THE TOPIC OF THE HOUR

A DEBATE BETWEEN MESSRS. BECK AND MCPHERSON AND TELLER

Mr. Morrill's View of the Great Problem of Silver—The Law—Will Coin Be Legislation—Mr. Beck's Criticism of Mr. Morrill—Washington Special.

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WEALTH OF THE GOLD

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THE TWO GREAT PARTIES SCRAMBLING FOR PARNELL.

Gladstone and Salisbury Will Not Go For with Local Government Sch To-Day Will be a Red Letter Day i History of Westminster—Foreign

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The question is then likely to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on the basis of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] will give room for e [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

LOCAL NEWS.

FROM LAST SATURDAY'S DAILY.

—Upper Sandusky yum-yums have organized and will render the Mikado.

—The Bee Line postal car again takes a lay-over at Crestline under a new change.

—One weary tramp, an old soldier, enjoyed the shelter of the city prison last night.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burtafield, of Grand Prairie township, have a fine baby boy to enhance their happiness. He arrived Friday morning.

—F. C. Hartman, of Conant Bros., Toledo, O., was in the city yesterday taking measures for a part of the furniture for the new court house.

—Bucyrus and Crestline would not know the game at the rink last night. Slugging is the mark of indentification they have on polo, and there was none last night.

—Only $1.50 for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it. The best paper in the County thus costs but 50 CENTS per year. Try it.

—James Anderson, of Columbus, was in the city yesterday attending the commissioners' meeting. Mr. Anderson was a former resident of Marion and has many acquaintances here.

—Only ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it. The best paper in the County thus costs but FIFTY CENTS per year. Try it.

—This was a good day for shipping stock evidently. From the Bee Line yards in this city thirteen car loads of hogs, cattle and sheep were shipped for Buffalo, N. Y., by Messrs. Shrote, Zeig, Myers, Pettit and others.

—The Irvine ditch hearing was not concluded yesterday, but the joint meeting of the Marion and Wyandotte County Commissioners was adjourned to to meet on the line of the ditch on the 27th inst. Some heavy claims for damages have been filed.

—The Postmaster General has made an order fixing the fees on international money orders, on and after the first of January, as follows: For sums not exceeding $10, 10 cents; over $10 and not exceeding $20, 20 cents; over $20 and not exceeding $30, 30 cents; over $30 and not exceeding $40, 40 cents; over $40 and not exceeding $50, 50 cents. This is a reduction of one third of the rates which were paid by remitters for such orders heretofore.

Wate.works.

The citizens' committee of conference upon the waterworks subject, appointed by Mayor Gailey, pursuant to resolution of the council, met last evening at the Mayor's office. The council committee on fire department was also present. Mayor Gailey called to order and briefly stated the object of the creation of this committee, to wit: One of conference upon all the points relative to the water supply of Marion. H. H. Cunningham, chairman committee on fire department, then took charge of the temporary organization. The committee was finally organized for its work by the selection of Dr. T. B. Fisher as chairman and Geo. B. Christian, secretary. Quite a lively breeze was kicked up by the successive introduction of two resolutions having the object of committing the committee to the construction of water works by a stock company on one hand and the corporation on the other. As usual Kling and Christian locked horns on this old point between them, but both gentlemen preserved their good nature. Sharpless, Leffler, Cunningham, LaTourette, Dumble, Strelitz, Kelly, Gailey, True and the Chair each took a hand. The exciting cause of the disturbance was finally withdrawn and a sub committee of five (to be appointed by the Chair) agreed upon. This committee is to gather a large mass of information and present it to the general committee. A proposition of a water works company was also read, without any action being taken. The committee adjourned to meet on the call of the Chair. No test votes whatever were had, but the committee seems to be largely in favor of water works on some plan.

Caledonia.

About 5 o'clock this morning the cry of fire was raised. The citizens quickly responded, but the fire company (?) failed to reach it. About one-half of the hose company pulled their cart half way to where the fire was, and "too late! too late!" was the cry that greeted their ears, and they went back. The engine company, I mean three men of it, got the engine about four or five rods and, unable to pull it any further, put one man on picket duty to keep the engine from going to some neighboring village and distanded. The rest of the boys took pity on the sentinel and pulled the engine in for him. Have we got a fire company or not? is the question. The fire was in the boiler room of Mel Reed's saw mill. It caught from some sawdust that was piled up by the furnace. Four dollars will cover the loss. No insurance.

Those parties [illegible] Thead Stafford [illegible] married are badly left. Miss Ida George, a maiden lady of this city, has

FRESH OYSTERS AT The Grocery Store Of BOYD & BROWN.

beat Joe's time, and was united to Theadore last Thursday evening. Long may they live and prosper.

The council has been over a year purchasing a rope to attach to the Presbyterian bell, to use in case of a fire, but havn't got it yet.

We are surprised at such delicate creatures as the "Jersey Lillies" using such pet names as they gave us in their last. The truth "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder" sometimes, and perhaps this is what drove them to using such words. In the language of the Savior we say, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

"Scriba" says that "when he writes for a paper he will try to give something that is for its benefit." No doubt he would, but he evidently would have to copy it from the Argus or have some one tell it to him. The principal part of all the letters he ever did write was copied from the Argus or we are greatly mistaken. Maybe it was vice versa.

Jan. 16. CASUAL OBSERVER.

Dr. Walker's Vinegar Bitters, the celbrated Temperance restorative, that tones without exciting and regulates without pain, is the only true and absolute remedy for biliousness, colic, indigestion, nervousness, sick headache, flatulency, liver complaint, rheumatism and all ailments arising from corruption or impoverishment of the blood.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY.

—The Chicagos Sundayed in this city.

—J. J. Hane is unable to attend to duties at the bank.

—Emerson Hoover was up from Springfield to spend Sunday.

—Miss Maggie Travis is visiting at Upper Sandusky for a few days.

—Last Saturday T. R. Shinn was appointed guardian of Mary Shinn.

—Harry Bunker is here from Chicago for a few days visiting at his home.

—The will of Jacob Akfa was presented and admitted to probate, Saturday.

—Mansfield Herald: J. H. Reed, of Marion, was on our streets yesterday.

—Miss Mary Miller, of Delaware, is the guest of friends in this city for a few days.

—Probate Judge Criswell is among the sick. His office was closed early today.

—F. R. Smith left for Florida today to put in working order the steam shovel shipped from this city.

—Wm. Hornby has fitted up a room and invites customers wanting their clothes cleaned in first class style.

—D. McWilliams returned Saturday night from a tour of Central Ohio towns whither he had been taking insurance.

—Miss Richardson and her friend, Miss Alger, returned to Chicago today to continue musical study for six weeks.

—Cora Van Tassel and company arrived on train five on the N. Y, P. and O. yesterday and are stopping at the Marion.

—A. H. Kling is acting in E. G. Allen's position at the Deposit Bank until Mr. Allen recovers his health sufficiently to resume his duties.

—The churches were all very well attended. The weather seemed favorable yesterday to those who attend church according to the signals.

—It was so dull in town today that a gentleman from Caledonia remarked "he thought he had boarded the wrong train and was in Galion."

—Engine 58 on the N. Y., P and O. broke her side rods on train 12, Wednesday, and otherwise slightly demolished herself. She will be laid up for a few days.

—The "cooler" presented a peculiar scene within today. Three females and five males filled it comfortably, and the collection was one that Dickens might study.

—Canton Daily Repository: Mr W B Foye, druggist, of Marion, formerly of this city, is here attending to his real estate interests and calling upon his many friends.

—The Marion Steam Shovel Company shipped one of their steam shovel and wrecking cars to Florida, Saturday, consigned to the Florida Railway and Navigation Co.

—LaRue News: Albert Zimmerman, of Marion, was here on Wednesday in search of a wagon load of rabbits, but did not succeed in obtaining them, as they are not in market.

Jo. Kerr was answered in police court today to the charge of stealing a turkey from Louis Fies Saturday night. It's a difficult matter for John to follow the straight and narrow path.

—Our friend C. G. Harriman, has purchased a interest in the "Tourists' Journal" published in Chicago, and occupies the position of manager and assistant editor. Success to you, Curt.

—An old and "inveterate" remarked to a friend that the weather for the past few days was just such weather as he liked. "Why is that?" asked his friend. "Why," said he, "it stops all comments on red noses."

—Chicago Tribune: It is rumored that Mr. F. Broughton, General Manager of the Chicago and Atlantic railway, is to be appointed General Manager of the Denver and Rio Grande as soon as the reorganization of this company has been effected.

—Chas. F. Mader and his brother, Fred, are stopping in the city a couple of days, while on their way from Greenville to Chilicothe. They are in the photograph business at Greenville, and the many friends of Charley will be glad to know they are doing well.

—Little Eunice Margaret, an eighteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Conklin, died last night after an illness of about three weeks. She was just reaching the age to be a sparkle of sunshine in the family household, and the parents are greatly grieved at their loss. Funeral, Tuesday, at 2 p. m.

—John Terrell, who is hauling ice with a team belonging to his father, became enraged at one of the horses this morning and, despite the protests of a number of bystanders, struck the horse a brutal blow with a heavy club. Marshal Buenneke promptly arrested him and Mayor Gailey assessed $10 and costs.

—LaRue News: J. H. Leonard is undoubtedly a good solicitor, for in a few days time last week he solicited and obtained the right-of-way and enough to build the proposed new railroad through this county. J. H. L. is enterprising and deserves credit for the energy and earnest work he has displayed in this good cause.

—Galion Enquirer: Quite a number of the N. Y., P. and O. employes of the various departments in this city have been relieved of their positions. Also a number of train men, including Conductor John Farber and crew. . . . . Engines 129, 131, 135 and 38 went into the N. Y., P. and O. shops the past week. . . . . Engine 40 came out of the N. Y., P. and O. shops, Thursday, looking like a new dollar.

—A little more enterprise should be worked up to encourage manufacturing interests interests in Marion. Our overall factory managed by B. Wineberger & Co., has not been fully appreciated by our citizens, especially our dry goods and grocery stores. This firm has paid from three to five hundred dollars per week to industrious women for sewing, and this has been expended for groceries and articles of clothing. Wineberger & Co. have been solicited to locate at Mansfield and Columbus, and considerable help, financially, has been offered them to secure its removal to those cities.

—Bucyrus Critic: There is an eccentric old man living about two miles north-east of Bucyrus, by the name of Jimmy Wiggins, who lives entirely alone and, although possessing a farm and having considerable money at interest, lives the life of a hermit. During the last few days his neighbors had seen no smoke issuing from the chimney of his little house, and some of them tho't an investigation would be in order and went to his home. The door was fastened and no response coming to their repeated knocks, it was forced, and the occupant was found lying uncovered in bed and nearly frozen to death. Steps were taken to resuscitate him and to make him as comfortable as possible. The old man is past four score years, but still tries to live an existence independent of his neighbors and relatives in this city.

Appointed.

In compliance with a resolution passed by the committee of twenty appointed by the mayor to consult with the town council as to the possibility of erecting water works, I, as chairman of said committee, therefore appoint the following gentlemen as a sub-committee to collect reliable information as to practicability and cost of works to supply the town with good water:

First Ward, E. Huber; Second Ward, A. LaTourette; Third Ward, Wm. Fies; Fourth Ward, G. Leffler, at large, A. H. Kling. T. B. FISHER, Chairman.

"Have used Dr Thomas' Electric Oil for croup and colds, and declare it a positive cure." Contributed by Wm. Kay 570 Plymouth Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Green Camp.

After a couple of weeks silence we will again write a few items for the STAR, though they are very few.

The cold snap struck us hard, but it has moderated, and now we have to get along with the snow that remains.

Protracted meeting began at the F. B. Church some two weeks ago, and will continue until the middle of next week, and, perhaps, longer; according to the interest taken.

Miss Lillie Bowers has returned to resume her studies in school.

J. B. Belsout went to Delaware, Wednesday, to attend a prohibition convention.

Mr. M. L. Hazen entertained about thirty couple of young folks Thursday evening last. Quite an enjoyable time was had.

Some of our citizens are taking advantage of the ice harvest.

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Despise Not the Day of Small Things.

Little things may help a man to rise—a bent pin in an easy chair for instance. Dr. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" all small things, pleasant to take and they cure sick headaches, relieve torpid livers and do wonders. Being purely vegetable they cannot harm anyone. All druggists.

Three-to-One.

The second game of polo between the Chicagos and Marions was played to a large crowd of spectators at the rink Saturday evening, and resulted in another victory for the Chicago team, defeating the local players in a score of three to one.

The game was called at nine o'clock, with the same men that played Friday evening with the exception of "Nick" Allen, who took the position of goal-drive for home team, this being his first appearance since his recovery from sickness. Although the Marion boys were not on their "best legs" it was believed they would make it interesting for the champions, which was soon verified after the first rush, when both teams got down to hard work, but in a good-humored and friendly manner, a very pleasing feature to the spectators. After the ball had been driven continuously from one portion of the surface to another in a very nice contest the ball was caged by the Chicagos and the players took positions for the second goal.

Hard work was again characteristic of both sides, and after the ball had been driven in front of the Chicagos' goal, and after some very lively skirmishing the Marions succeeded in caging it. The audience was now wild with excitement, and after the deafening cheers had subsided the game proceeded in the same interesting way until the Chicagos had won the third goal.

The audience now had all they had hoped for in Marion securing one goal, but were very much excited in witnessing the contest for the fourth goal, which was soon won by the champions.

From the time the game was called till the close of the contest about 45 minutes elapsed, including several brief delays.

This was the finest game that has been played here, being void of the slugging which is characteristic of many games that have been played here. Our boys are feeling well over the result, and are promised a return game from the Chicagos, which will be decidedly more interesting when they regain their former condition for playing.

It Won't Pay

After so much labor and capital has been expended to build up this medicine, to allow it to deteriorate. You can take Simmons Liver Regulator with perfect faith, as it is made by no adventurers who pick up the business of concocting medicines, but by educated, practical druggists who have made the study of medicine and its compounds the labor of a lifetime. The care, precision, neatness and perfection exhibited by the very appearance of the Regulator proves it to be the best prepared medicine in the market, and J. H. Zeilin & Co. fully carry out their motto; "Purissima et Optima" (purest and best).

A College Student's Trunk.

[Texas Siftings.]

If there is anything Old Nace is proud of it is his ability to lift heavy burdens. He can carry with ease a trunk which few other men can lift. He is employed in the family of Judge Snively of Brenham, whose son Fred is a student at the University of Texas. When Fred left home for the university his careful mother had packed an immense trunk for him to take with him. Old Nace insisted on carrying the heavy trunk to the depot, which feat he accomplished without difficulty.

When vacation began Fred Snively, who had been leading a rather fast life at the university, returned to his native town. Old Nace was on hand to carry his trunk. He spit on his hands, and, remarking "Jess watch me yank dat ar trunk on ny shoulder," he leaned over, seized the handles, and made a mighty effort. Next moment he was standing on his head with his feet in the air, and the trunk was lying some distance off wide open. There was nothing in it but a tooth-brush and a paper collar.

Timber Culture in Germany.

[Chicago Herald.]

Germany's making rapid advances in timber culture. Since 1876 [illegible],000 acres have been added to the forest lands of that country by planting. One-fourth of the empire is said to be covered with timber, two-thirds of it being fir and pine.

Five bachelors in New York city have organized a free circulating library for others similarly afflicted.

LITERATURE AS A TRADE.

HOW PROFESSIONAL WRITERS MANAGE TO MAKE IT PAY.

Explanation of the "Repetition" Process—Secrets of the Process of "Expansion"—A Poet Tells of His Patent Reversible Poem.

"Well," said Apollo, smiling, "I suppose I have a good deal of what the world calls literary work, but it's all a fraud."

"How's that?"

"Light a cigar and make yourself comfortable and I'll tell you some of the secrets of my trade. Now prepare to learn a few interesting facts. I'll begin by explaining to you the repetition process. Some time ago one of the boys wrote a short story, which, for the sake of modesty, we will call 'How Johnson Lived.' This story was sold to a popular magazine, to which the author was a frequent contributor. The story made seven pages, which, at regular magazine rates, means $70. Magazines pay $10 per 1,000 words, and there are 1,000 words on a page. Our friend, however, being a regular contributor, who could be relied on, received special rates and the editor sent him a check for $100 for his story. Well, the author sold it simultaneously to two magazines—one in London and one in New York."

"Is that fair dealing?"

"Certainly. The editors of both magazines knew what he was doing and agreed to take the story that way. He received £15 from the English magazine, or $72 60. About six months after the story was printed a publishing firm in this city got out a series of books containing short stories by American authors. My friend was paid $50 for the use of his tale. Six months later he issued a volume of his own short stories. 'How Johnson Lived' was one of them. There were ten stories in the book, and he made $500 clear profit from it. Credit to the story of which we are speaking $50. Six months later he and another author published a volume containing stories written in partnership and some written alone. The same old story was one of them. There were six stories in the book, two written in collaboration and the rest singly. They made $150 each out of it. Credit the old story $50 more. That makes a total of $372.60 for 7,000 words, which would make three columns and a half in a newspaper."

THE EXPANSION PROCESS EXPLAINED.

"Apollo, you've opened my eyes. I always supposed you professional writers were an unbusiness-like set of fellows. I take it all back."

"That's right. Now I'll tell you about the expansion process. I have a friend named Mat, who once wrote an article for a leading magazine, which, to avoid a row with the editor, I shall call Old Hundred. The editor accepted the article and then sent for Mat. He told the author that his article was too long, and asked him to cut it down. Mat promptly answered that there were three pages, dealing with a special branch of the subject which might be taken out of the article without injuring it. The editor agreed with the contributor, and the pages were returned to their author. They were pages of print, not manuscript, you know, containing 3,000 words. Mat took them home, wrote an introduction to them, and sold them to a literary weekly for a good price. Then some months afterward he took the article from the weekly up to the editor of Old Hundred and proposed to him to expand the article into a suitable length for the magazine. The editor agreed and Mat made about 6,000 words out of his 3,000, rewriting the whole thing, and sold it over again. He thus made about $150 out of the paper, which in its original form would have been worth just $100."

"You surprise me, Apollo."

"I thought I should. But I'm not through with you yet. I am going to tell you about the patent reversible poem act."

"What on earth is that?"

"That is my great specialty. 'Sweet are the uses of adversity,' and it was in the days of my adversity that I conceived this scheme, which I have not the moral courage to abandon in this, the time of my prosperity. It's a miserable world, you know, as the Mikado remarks, and virtue is triumphant only in theatrical performances."

THE PATENT REVERSIBLE POEM.

The patent reversible poem first occurred to me thus: I was walking along in the country one day and I saw an old house. I went up and looked in at the window. There was apparently not a soul in the place. The fire was out and an empty chair stood by the hearth. I took out my note book and jotted down the ideas that occurred to me, and when I went home I wrote a pathetic poem about the deserted homestead. I sent it to a magazine and it was, in professional language, 'bounced.' I sent it to another and another, until it had been rejected by every magazine and literary paper in the country.

"Then I scratched my head and did a little thinking. I looked at the poem hopelessly. Then my mind went back to the old house, and it occurred to me by some curious freak of thought that my pathetic poem would have been nipped in the bud if the farmer had been at home and had set his dog on me. The next moment I picked up a pen, wrote an introductory stanza describing the poet looking in at the window of the old house and writing his poem. Then I gave the poem in full and added a stanza describing the stealthy approach of the farmer with a club around the corner of the house and the subsequent demolition of the poet. I sent the thing to the editor of a humorous paper. It was accepted. I received $5 for it, and became a regular contributor to the paper."

"That was a good move."

"Yes, but I beat that one hollow. I wrote a piece of comic verse, built on a common plan—that of making three or four serious stanzas and winding up with an unexpected humorous ending. I took it to the editor of the same humorous journal. He read it and said it was too good to be used as a mere piece of buffoonery. So I took it home, knocked off the comic ending, and finished with a stanza of concentrated pathos. I sold that poem to a leading American magazine.

"We literary fellows don't know so much about financiering as some people in Wall street, but I fancy we know how to work our business for all it is worth. I do the patent reversible poem act right along now. Whenever I write a serious poem and fail to sell it, I put a funny ending on it, and away she goes into some comic paper. I don't get as much money for it, of course, but then I don't wholly waste my material. I don't often miss fire on my poems now. I know just what the different editors want, and don't send a classical poem to an editor who likes unclassical thought, nor a Swinburnian lyric to the editor of a religious weekly."—New York Times.

Important discoveries of tin ore are said to have been made on the line of the Blue ridge in Rockbridge county, Virginia.

Vanderbilt didn't have much real estate to speak of—only nine pieces, assessed at 60 per cent. of their value at $1,208,500.

Imported Insect Pests.

[Chicago Journal.]

Professor Cook, in his paper on economic entomology, read before the American Pomological society, says the reason why imported insect pests are for a time more destructive than native species is in the fact that they have fewer parasites or predaceous enemies to contend with. In the course of a few years these enemies increase in such numbers as to hold them in check. He says that new insect pests are learning to feed upon plants heretofore not disturbed by them, so that the entomologist has constant work before him. Another thought was that as insects increase in variety and number insecticides are multiplied in equal, if not greater, proportions.

CITY TIME TABLE.

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Arrive from West.		Arrive from East.	
No. 12	4.58am	No. 38	9.15am
" 34	10.40am	" 1	8.17am
" 4	12.26pm	" 43	12.26pm
" 38	4.20pm	" 5	1.40pm
" 2	10.10pm	" 35	6.15pm
" 8	11.40pm	" 3	10.26pm

C., H. V. & T, R. R.

NORTH.		SOUTH:	
Toledo Exp.	6:22 a m	Columb's Exp	7:48 a m
Mail & Exp.	12:01 p m	Mail & Exp.	1:18 p m
Toledo Exp.	5:32 p m	Columb's Exp	8:47 p m

C. C, C. & I. R. R.

EAST.		WEST.	
No 8	3:26am	No. 3	11:10am
No. 12	10:32am	No. 5	3:50pm
No. 2	5:38pm	No. 9	11:15pm
Local	12:45pm	Local	9:10am

CHICAGO AND ATLANTIC TIME CARD.

Arrive.		Leave	
No. 10	7 00pm	No. 3	10.35pm
" 8	11.20pm	" 5	2.00pm
" 12	4.45am	" 9	8.35am
" 30	6.30pm	" 33	5.15am
" 32	11.00am	" 23	2.30pm

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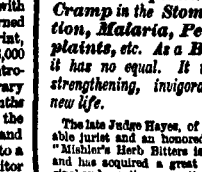

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THE Cleveland Press nominates Allen G Thurman for 1888 There are no honest democrats that could not heartily support the "Old Roman"

WHEN John Frost was pardoned out of the penitentiary the other day the officials should have skirmished around and secured Jack We cannot endure two frosts

BAYARD succeeds Cleveland in case of the president's death according to the new succession bill There is no one to wish Mr Cleveland a hasty demise in order that his successor may become the nation's ruler

THE President must make an honest statement of causes for the removal of republican officers, or there are republicans in the senate who will stay till doomsday fighting the confirmation of any of his appointments

SECRETARY GARLAND refuses to attend any of the President's society events where full dress suits are demanded, and the President is greatly put out about it. He says "Garland is a good man and a man of ability, but he is very old and relicy in his ways,"

FOOD adulteration in this country is a growing evil for the abatement of which some practicable and effective means should be found The Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives will report whether congress has any power to legislate for the removal of this evil.

IT IS hardly probable that the hope expressed in a despatch from Wilkesbarre may prove well founded, namely, that the twenty six men who were buried in the Nanticoke mine just five weeks ago are still alive It is expected that the chamber of death in the mine may be reached at any hour

MOST people readily endorse Ely's bill providing for biennial sessions of the legislature Biennial sessions were the rule before legislative politics were introduced, and there wasn't half so much money spent by the state for a few laws More enforcement and less law would seem better anyhow Let the biennial session bill pass and become a law.

THERE is reason to believe that at the present session congress will go slow in the matter of promoting new schemes involving the expenditure of public money The fact that people expect extravagance will operate as a restraining influence, and the declared policy of the Administration regarding appropriations will require that it shall keep a curb upon the tendency of Congress to throw away the people's money

MONTANA has given Uncle Sam a maiden's smile and asked for admission into the sisterhood of states Montana has the necessary population for admission, and her citizens held a constitutional convention as far back as two years ago preparatory to seeking admission The territory is democratic by about 1000, and the probabilities of her getting in are strong, especially so if Dakota's claim is recognized

A TALLY sheet sheet should be fixed up at Columbus, and a record kept of those members of the last legislature who now claim that they voted in caucus for either Durbin Ward or George H Pendleton for senator A comparison of this tally sheet with the tally kept on the night of the caucus might not show how many bribe takers there were in that delectable crowd, but it would show how many able and artistic liars there were

IN a lengthy editorial on the Ohio democracy, the Washington Post, the leading organ of the national democracy, starts out with the following remarks

"The offense of the political methods of Ohio democrats is rank and smells to heaven' These methods are an outrage upon party allegiance They not only violate every principle of honesty and every instinct of honor, but they set at defiance every dictate of sagacity They wrong the people whose decisions they nullify, while they degrade the party in the interest of which they are exercised

ACCORDING to a Washington dispatch the President and the senate will have war over the cause of removal of republican officers The senate will demand the reasons for removals before confirming the appointment of successors and Mr Cleveland is reputed as saying he will do nothing of the kind The President thinks "that nominations are made by and with the consent of the senate, but to insist on having information regarding removals is usurping privileges that belong to the executive alone Inasmuch as Mr Cleveland announced that he would make the removal on partisan grounds it seems right for the senate to make the demand for reasons for removal and insist on having them.

THE whipping post for wife beaters, is pending before the legislature It is a barberous punishment, but no more so than the crime, and the people of Ohio generally favor its passage

CHICAGO Socialists are said to have on hand nine thousand bombs with which to commence work of destruction, and have raised a large sum to purchase Winchester repeating rifles

THIRTY of the leading post offices show a decided gain in receipts the past six months over a corresponding period last year Cincinnati, Kansas City and St Paul made the greatest percentages

THE Zanesville Times Recorder man knows the weakness of the craft He says "the people of New York are eating strawberries at $4 a basket and wearing jacquenimot roses at $1 25 apiece It will be at least four months yet before any newspaper man can afford such luxuries"

THE Cincinnati Police Commissioners will notify the Law and Order League, with regard to the closing of Sunday theaters, that they do not think it judicious to enforce one of the Sunday laws and not all, at the same time intimating that to enforce all Sunday laws would stop the running of street cars, saloons, &c

THE frightful murder of one inmate of the Longview asylum by an associate maniac, reflects disgrace on the State of Ohio That institution is so crowded that three insane persons must occupy one miserable cell together, and while thus associated a maniac named Butler, grappled and choked to death Jacob Leper No blame falls upon the management, but upon the State for refusing to enlarge the institution so that those whose "lamp of reason had gone out" may be properly cared for

THE statement comes from Washington, and from a personal friend of Senator Payne, that while he has decided to take no notice of the charges made by Col S K Donavin, he feels deeply grieved and humiliated over the bribery scandal Previous to the campaign of 1883 Mr Payne's integrity had been unimpeachable Aside from partisan prejudice there seems to be a general belief that dishonest methods to secure his election were resorted to, and also that these methods were unknown to Senator Payne If Mr Payne has been the unconscious victim of the corrupt and designing McLean and an ambitious son, his condition is undoubtedly deplorable to himself, and the sympathy of right-minded people will be extended him

TELEGRAPHIC TRAIN SIGNALS.

A Conductor Discharged and an Engineer Whipped in the Interest of Science.

In 1850 the Erie road was in operation between Piermont and Elmira. The track was a single one such a thing as a double track being then unknown in the country Two years before, after much discussion and opposition a telegraph wire had been put up along the line. Superintendent Minot who was a man a long way in advance of the times was a strong believer in the practicability of the telegraph as a facilitator of transportation on railroads. In the summer of 1850 he was a passenger one day on a west-bound train over his road The train he was on according to the printed time table, was to meet a through train from the west at Turner's Station, forty seven miles from New York When Mr Minot's train reached Turner's he learned that the east-bound train was six hours late owing to some mishap

Under the system of railroading then governing employes the west-bound train had to remain at Turner's until the delayed train passed the station In fact the whole business from there west was at a standstill, owing to the non-arrival of the train at the different stations where other trains were awaiting it. Superintendent Minot saw at once how ridiculous such a system was. There was a telegraph office at Turner's, and it was then the only one between that station and Jersey City The superintendent went to this office and made the operator's han stand by sending a message to the station agent at Port Jervis that he intended to run the train he was on from Turner's to Port Jervis on the time of the belated east-bound train He ordered the agent not to let any train leave that station going east until the train he was on arrived there He also ordered the agent to telegraph to him how he understood the message.

The answer was satisfactory, and the superintendent went to the conductor of the train and told him to start on with his train. The conductor refused to do so, and the superintendent discharged him on the spot. Minot then ordered the engineer to pull out. The engineer said he would not take the and in the argument that followed the superintendent dragged the engineer from his cab, gave him an elegant dressing out and mounted the foot-board himself He ran the train to Port Jervis, and sent it on west as far as Narrowsburg before it met the late train, thus saving the passengers five hours, and settling forever the question of the accuracy of the telegraph in running railroad trains. It is a common thing now to move as many as twenty trains in opposite directions over one division of a railroad.—Cincinnati Enquirer

When the Connecticut Was High

Professor Rice of Wesleyan university in a recent lecture, told of a freshet at one time when the Connecticut river was fifteen miles wide at Hartford, and 300 miles deep at Middletown.

The Burmese capital Mandalay is said to be infested by hordes of small black dogs which are protected by the government as scavengers

The census of Charleston S C shows a total population of 65 135 against 49 984 in 1880 an increase of over 30 per cent

Poultices of tar applied to the soles of the feet are a domestic remedy in Georgia for rheumatism.

PHOTO-SCULPTURE.

HOW THE PHOTOGRAPH IS TRANSLATED INTO TERRA COTTA.

Twenty Four Cameras Pointed at the Subject The Agency of the Photograph Wonderfully Graceful and True Statuettes of Children

The art of photo sculpture is very ingenious and practical and this com The principles by which the [illegible] is rapidly coming into use as a means of producing statuettes of human figures are simple and effective and will soon give a statuette of fine artistic merit such that he should prefer the preliminary process of photographic segments is not [illegible] person This is accomplished by placing him in the attitude selected [illegible] platform in the center of a circular photographic room Around this [illegible] at equal distances, twenty four cameras are placed each instrument so arranged as to take a longitudinal view segment of the sitter from which [illegible] representing exactly his entire figure From the negatives which form will be termed the working drawing the artist enlarged copies are traced [illegible] size required for the statuette

AGENCY OF THE PANTOGRAPH

These preliminaries being accomplished the process of translating the flat drawings to the soft bodies of clay takes place through the agency of the pantograph an instrument the principle of which was discovered by Watt The pantograph is an instrument having a tracer at one end and a knife or stile at the other and it is put in operation by two persons one of whom applies the tracer to the enlarged outlines of the photograph and the other directs the opposite end to the lump of clay As the two ends move equally the outline is thus translated to the knife and as fast as the tracer can follow the lines of the photograph the knife cuts out the rough outline of the figure The more delicate work is produced by the same agency and when the statuette is complete it will be found to correspond line for line and crease for crease with the sun picture of which in fact, it is a mechanical copy

In this manner the most absolute truthfulness is obtained A likeness is often dependent—especially in the figure—on some peculiarity of the sitter which the eye of the artist as often as not misses or if he does not miss it he purposely overlooks it with the idea of giving some ideal grace which does not exist in nature This is no doubt right where works of art are concerned, but it does not hold true of the likeness which friends require to remind them of the man as he is and as he should be What would the portrait of a friend be without the wart on his forehead for instance?

WONDERFUL TRUE STATUETTES

It is these little blemishes that express themselves upon the beholder and are essential elements in the likeness as are these details which give such truth to the photograph How well we know a man by his manner in which his pantaloons fit over his boots, by the very boot itself When we come to consider it the lines of the dress have quite as much to do with building up the image of a person in our minds as the lines of his face Here the unerring hand of photography is of infinite value to the artist who wishes to give us a material likeness in clay or terra cotta Some of these statuettes are wonderfully true They catch the posture of the man the very balance of the body the passing expression of the face Once a model finished copies can be taken of course, by the old method of a mold

When it is desired to make models of young children unhampered by clothes the most beautiful statuettes are produced They may be grouped in any attitude and in fact perfect works of art may be produced fitted for the drawing room by this process The most accurate proportions are obtainable indeed it is impossible for the artist to go wrong inasmuch as the pedestal on which the object to be modeled is placed is marked off in figures from one to twenty from the pedestal on which the clay is placed being equally divided and also the segments of the photographs The artist has therefore only to refer to his number to find the exact part of the photographic line he has to follow The cost is proportioned to the labor bestowed upon these figures but they are within the means of most persons —Brooklyn Eagle

The Boston School of Theosophy.'

The latest Boston notion by the way is the School of Theosophy which proceed to illuminate a waiting world with Sunday morning lectures in the Hawthorne rooms The last one on Electricity and Thought doubtless holds in solution much truth that is not yet formulated and tabulated by science The lecturer believed that between every planet and star there is a connective electricity, and that the mutual influence of the heavenly bodies on each other determined the quality of the spiritual substance which is between words and stars Between the earthly and spiritual he conceives the astral sphere to exist which affects all below it, but ceases to affect the spiritual which has gone beyond

He divided persons into the positive and negative, and regarded the transmission of thought from one to another as no more marvelous than that of electricity The process depends on tension those having a large degree of nervous force can project their thought into another mind Theosophy regards electricity as a spiritual substance the same as light. Science and psychology are approaching the problems of life and subjecting them to investigation and experiment and the next decade will undoubtedly be one of revelation teaching that shall greatly influence the tendencies of social progress —Lilian Whiting in Inter Ocean

She Was a Careful Widow.

'I can furnish a stained wood coffin madam but the undertaker to the widow cannot be distinguished from the genuine mahogany and comes much cheaper

The stained wood will do' replied the grief stricken woman, and then she went into a dry goods store

What quality of crape madam' inquired the dealer gently

"The best said madam with difficulty repressing a sob —New York Times

The Cost of a Cheap Funeral

The Hebrew society in New York gives free burial to such as are otherwise [illegible] cared for and does it at a cost of only $6 87 per funeral The fat should not be without its influence in something more weight to be [illegible] the interest of [illegible] this list earthly service —Frank Leslie's

TURTLES.

[illegible] Increasing in Number in the West Indies Demand of F[illegible] ress—Suggestions.

[illegible] Florida that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

LOCAL NEWS.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY.

—Sidney Gruber is mentioned among the sick

—J. W. Alsop, of Greenville, Pa., was in the city yesterday

—The M R A is doing a great deal at present in dealing out help to the needy.

—The ice harvest continues, but it is not hauled as conveniently in wagons as on the sleds.

—Lester Uhler, of Shiloh, O., is in the city, the guest of his uncle, Ira Uhler, and family.

—A. C Bowen has an office fixed up in the front room over Geo Schweinfurths saloon.

—An unknown boy broke a gas-light globe at the corner of Canal and Main streets last night.

—The rink drew no crowd whatever last night The attraction was very lightly advertised

—Miss Sadie Hume returned to her home in Indianapolis today, accompanied by Miss Allie Dorward

—A calico ball will be given at City Hall, Friday night The Columbus orchestra, the finest in the State, will furnish music

—More than one fall occurred on the slippery streets today Faint mutterings followed all tending to about the same expression

—Several days' bundles of the Cincinnati Post lie at the express office unopened Something must be the matter with the delivery

—Freight Conductor Arrowsmith took out train five on the C and A today in place of Murray Moore, who is laying off on account of sickness.

—There are a few more active members of the "Bag of Tricks" that should take an excursion to Cleveland They are keeping clear of the officers

—Fred H Tristram and Wilford Frash are in St Louis on business. They will remain in the "city at the other end of the bridge" all week

—The sudden changes in the weather causes a great demand for cough syrup Last night it snowed, rained this morning and is freezing this afternoon

—There is seldom a stranger comes to town but what he unanimously praises the beauty of our new court house We rather like the looks of it ourselves

—Mayor Gailey donned his working clothes this morning and engaged himself in stirring up a lot of Myrrh Mixture. No one can get along without it.

—The delinquent tax sale began at the treasurer's office today The entire list was gone over and more than one-half sold Mr Markey did not buy as much as usual

—The N Y, P. and O talks of building a fine depot in Akron Considering the business that road gets here they might fix up the grand edifice passengers wait in

—Only $1 50 for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it The best paper in the County thus costs but 50 CENTS per year Try it

—The Kenton gamblers and prostitutes have been ordered to leave the town within fifteen days The population at this writing is 5000 What will it be in February?

—With the talk of the two new railroads from the East there is also rumor of a grand new union depot If all these things come to pass Marion and her real estate will boom

—Only ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it The best paper in the County thus costs but FIFTY CENTS per year Try it

—Department Commander General R B Brown, of the G A R of Ohio, has addressed letters to all clerks of infirmary boards asking if ex-soldiers are confined in their institutions This is done with a view to finding a home for all indigent soldier

Farmers' Institute.

Marion, O, Jan 16, 1886

The officers of the Marion County Farmers' Institute met pursuant to adjournment with not a very full attendance, owing to the inclement weather, but it was unanimously resolved to go ahead

The programme was completed as near as possible It will be ready for publication in a few days.

The meeting was then informed that Music Hall had been secured

A committee on music was then appointed, and the meeting adjourned

The officers of the various townships, also all others interested are requested to assist in making our Institute, not only a success but one worthy of our county and of profit to all

D H CLIFTON Pres.

G E LAWRENCE Sec

The Bag of Tricks.

The notorious "Bag of Tricks" commanded the attention of the mayor yesterday afternoon

Bruce Davis the dispenser of weiner wursts was arraigned charged with keeping a "petty" thing, and Mayor Gailey gave him thirty days in the Cleveland workhouse A good [illegible] with gas for lighting purposes. many regarded the punishment pretty severe for Bruce, but it was not his first offence and His Honor gauged the sentence all right

John Kennedy plead guilty to stealing and "Nub" Weber answered likewise to the charge of disorderly conduct The latter was sentenced to thirty days labor in the work-house, and the former given thirty days and a fine of thirty dollars, which will keep him in Cleveland about ninety days

The three women, Bridget Dwyar (Mrs John Kennedy), Ann Conley and Kate Ryn, all plead guilty to disorderly conduct Dwyer and Conley were each sentenced to sixty days in the work-house, and Kate Ryn returns to the same place for six months

Marshal Buenneke and Policeman Masterson departed with the six at three o'clock this morning for Cleveland

There Shal be no Alps.

When Napoleon talked of invading Italy one of his officers said "But, sire remember the Alps" To an ordinary man these would have seemed simply insurmountable but Napoleon responded eagerly "There shall be no Alps" So the famous Simplon pass was made Disease like a mountain stands in the way of fame, fortune and honor to many who by Dr Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" might be healed and so the mountain would disappear It is specific for all blood, chronic lung and liver diseases, such as consumption (which is scrofula of the lungs), pimples, blotches, eruptions, tumors, swelling, fever sores kindred complaints

Prospect.

John Gast, the tenor drummer of the Star Band, while skating on the river yesterday, by some means fell and cut his tongue quite severely, nearly cutting it in two pieces Dr Brenizer was called and sewed the injured member and, after some time stopped the bleeding. Johnny is suffering some inconvenience this morning for his tongue is swollen so that he can't talk Johnny, although merely a boy, has played the tenor drum in the Star Band for several years, and frequently plays a horn for some absent member. His many friends will be glad when he is able to take his place in the band again

The firm of Slemmons & Gast has been dissolved by mutual consent, Slemmons retiring and Gast assuming the business under the firm name of Gast & Co Success to you Lem

Miss Woodward, of Delaware, is visiting with her sister, Mrs Henry Foster, on Water street

Caledonians should come to Prospect and see her well regulated fire department, and then go home and profit by the example Our fire department is like our town—in lively running order.

A G Byers & Co, of Delaware, have put a stock of dry goods and notions in E S Adams' room on Main street

Dr Pierce's 'Favorite Prescription" is everywhere acknowledged to be the standard remedy for female complaints and weaknesses It is sold by druggists

FROM WEDNESDAY'S DAILY.

—Fred Haberman was in Mansfield on business, Monday

—J J Hane is able to be around again attending to business.

—E G Allen has so far improved as to be able to be up town and at the bank.

—G B Christian visited Lima yesterday on business The Colonel is looking up water works and electric lights

—Ed Dorward Hal Copeland, George Scofield Lew Grim and others of this city took in the polo between Chicago and Bucyrus

—Kenton News "H T Van Fleet one of the leading attorneys of Marion, was in the city attending to legal business last week

—Billy Baldwin accompanying the Chicago polo team on their trip east of this place The champions were greatly pleased with Buddy's playing

—The rink drew a smaller crowd last night than on the previous evening Owing to the few present little Millie Smith did not give her exhibition She is reported to give a very fine entertainment

—The Zanesville Mt Veron and Marion railroad directors have decided to visit the towns along the proposed road and confer with the local capitalists and business men They will go to Mt Verno on thursday

—The following from the Bucyrus Critic is news to us "The Marion polo club has disbanded in the zenith of its glory This is to be regretted, as many would have enjoyed seeing them play here and get the usual amount of goals allowed to visiting teams, which rarely exceeds one

—Huntington Herald A first class piece of work has just been turned out of the C and A shops, it being a number of coaches which have been overhauled, and placed in such excellent condition as to be scarcely recognizable from new cars The coaches are Nos 60, 104, 27 One is first-class coach, most excellently arranged and shaped, one a second classed coach, one a combination mail and baggage car The latter named shows some fine work It was taken in a combination car and remodeled, and the workmen have completely transformed it in appearance The team will be sent out from Chicago, the next the cars coaches will be sent Marion O to Jay to be supplied

Another train of five cars is to be brought in at once, and undergo an overhauling.

Marion Schools.

Following is the Superintendent's report of the Marion Public Schools for the month ending Dec. 25, 1885:

Whole Number Registered,	911
Number Remaining at Date,	810
Number Boys,	389
Number Girls,	421
Average Weekly Enrollment,	781.8
Average Daily Attendance,	741 7
Average per cent. of Attendance,	94.3
No of Days School was in Session,	19
No Perfect in Attendance,	429
No Cases Tardiness,	86
No Cases Corporal Punishment	1
No Non-Resident Pupils,	22
No Visitors,	15
Teachers Tardy,	1

A G GROVER, Supt

Boodle Does It.

Some time ago a sharper took in the school board of Big Island and Montgomery townships in the purchase of maps and a globe at $80 per set for each sub-district, amounting in Big Island township to over $700. The agent was a sleek one It is asserted that he had boodle for every one, and did actually pay from one dollar up, paying the clerk of the township in some instances as high as $25 for issuing the call for the meeting In one case he paid one member of the board one dollar and hauled him to and from the meeting, but when he, under the guise of paying one for his time and offered him a dollar, he thought it too guazzy and told him he could keep his dollar But there is a small ruction brewing in Montgomery as to how those maps and globe were bought An investigation will develop that boodle was used pretty freely Investigate, gentlemen, investigate. *

"The Danites."

Not many people saw the Cora Van Tassel Dramatic Co in the rendition of "The Danites" but we doubt whether a better satisfied audience has assembled at Music Hall for some time than that present last evening. Every member of the company seemed fitted precisely to the roles assumed last night, while Miss Van Tassel excelled as Nancy Williams and her alias "Billy Piper." Miss Van Tassel is undoubtedly a brilliant little actress, a good reader, with wonderful versatility If she needed any redemption in the favor of those who had previously witnessed her acting, she most certainly established that favor last night, rendering many of the difficult pathetic passages in the fourth and fifth acts in a manner that elicited much applause

They Say:

That it is slippery

That the above is a true chestnut

That a little snow would make splendid sleighing

That Col Eckhart and J C Johnston are dealing in Bohemian oats.

That these days suit the gas men, because gas must be burned at both ends.

That Music Hall is more prosperous this year than ever before

That the new fireman of the Huber machine shop has made a great change.

That a well-known lady clerk has quit selling goods to enter a marriage contract

That the electric light scheme is working quietly and is sure to be a feature of Marion

That water works built by a stock company is the more popular plan

That George Christian is the Col Sellers the "leading paper" speaks of Give us more, Col Sellers

That the Weekly STAR is the best paper in Marion, and, come to think of it, they are about right

A Great Game of Polo.

Amusement was dull at the rink Monday night so at nine o'clock the Citizens Band polo team crossed sticks with the juniors

Forthwith the musical sextette assumed positions and prepared to play a game that would astonish the champion Chicagos Rollie Shute made the rush for the band, but the junior beat him. Ford got out to Chris Fies, however, until, with the same graceful style he blows solo alto, he shot the ball to Johnny German the second rusher Johnny is altogether a good player, and bibbed the ball to Ora Neeley, who played a clever trick by rolling on the ball without damaging it When George had regained his equilibrium, he struck at the ball, but as it pounds the drum, he was too slow and a junior had it trying to drive it past Henry Poock's feet into the goal Art Bryant, with a determination of Don Costa came to Henry's rescue, and sent the ball to Chris Fies, where it was safe. Chris had never skated before, but he was immense and seldom failed to make a good play His numerous falls stopped the ball every time it came to him and, had the rest of the boys played as well, the game would have been theirs In twenty five minutes the juniors got a game and great cheering

The second goal was a repetition of the first and won by the juniors The crowd pronounced the whole a truly great game

The T. B. A.

Marion, O, Jan 20, 1886.

The fifth annual meeting of the Huber Benefical Association was held in the erecting room of the Huber Manufacturing Company last Monday evening.

Some new measures were adopted and other business of importance transacted, after which the following members were elected as directors for the ensuing year: Geo Kraus, M H Porch, Wm Linn, Sig Probst, Henry Klem, I. K. Blackburn and Peter Vernot.

The officers are: President, M. H. Porch; vice president, Wm. Linn, secretary and treasurer, Sig Probst.

The association begins the year with good prospects, and the election of the above board assures its success in every particular *,*

The Seven Wonders of a Young Lady.

1. Keeping her accounts in preference to an album

2 Generously praising the attractions of that "affected creature" who always cuts her out

3 Not ridiculing the man she secretly prefers, nor quizzing what she seriously admires

4. Not changing her "dear, dear friend" quarterly, or her dress three times a day

5 Reading a novel without looking at the third volume first, or writing a letter without a postscript, or taking wine at dinner without saying "the smallest drop in the world," or singing without "a bad cold," or wearing shoes that were not "a mite too big for her"

6 Seeing a baby without immediately rushing to it and kissing it

7 Carrying a large boquet at an evening party, and omitting to ask her partner "if he understands the language of flowers"

Waldo.

Our little village is as quiet as usual No blizzards since our last worthy of note.

Rev Bonebrake failed to connect with Waldo last Sunday As no apologies were offered no reason can be given why he failed to come

Prof Moran, of Marion, gave our cornet band a visit last Saturday evening The band say they never had a teacher they liked as well on so short acquaintance We hope he may continue to gain their confidence, and both be much profited by the acquaintance

We see a notice of a Teachers' Institute in Caledonia, which will take place the second Saturday in February. We have quite a number of energetic, faithful and hard working teachers in this part of the county (you hardly could go amiss of good ones wherever you go) and such as would be profitable to have at the institute

Coleman & Retterer packed lots of nice ice last Friday

Mrs Catharine Bishop, of this place, is visiting her son in Marion at present

Miss Caroline Kraner, of Marion, was visiting her brother, John Kraner, of this place last week.

Mrs Flora Shaff, of Mancher, O, who has been visiting her mother here, returned to her home last Thursday, by way of Marion.

Wood and saw logs moved last week, both early and late, slow and fast, and in every direction It is a good thing they improved the opportunity for the blizzard is now over

Charles Taylor, who is teaching in the Drake district, met with quite a tumble last Friday Just before taking up school in the morning his stove and stove pipe tumbled down Adjournment was next in order, and continued thus until Monday

None of our citizens attended J. B. Foraker's inaugural, which we think was one of the best addresses we have read for many years In his first remarks, concerning "the ballot," is one line of thought that has been given to the mercy of the people through countless efforts, and now the idea of abusing this grand privilege is devolving it into dens of evil second, Pond registry law, third, board of election supervisors, fourth, municipal government, fifth, the benevolent institutions sixth, the penitentiary, seventh the labor question, eighth, civil rights, ninth, the liquor question, tenth the canals, eleventh, State Board of Health twelfth, the executive office, thirteenth, Governor Hoadly In conclusion we will just say that J B Foraker and ex Gov Hoadly have opposed each other through two political rallies, and they both came out distinguished and honored

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A Story of a Dressing Gown.

A well known citizen of Lynn was recently visited by a boyhood acquaintance from Vermont, whom he had not seen before for a quarter of a century The Vermonter was much pleased with the city sights and the ways of the town, but was a little slow in always adapting himself to their circumstances The other night his good hostess presented him with a beautiful dressing gown, which she had made with her own hands, and adorned with all the woven filagree of feminine tastiness. This she presented him just previous to his retiring He was profuse in his thanks, and immediately retired to his room In the morning he came down without the dressing gown.

"Well, where is the dressing gown I gave you last night?" kindly inquired the hostess.

"The what?"

"Why, the dressing gown?"

"O, that—O, I left it in my room."

"Why don't you wear it?"

"What! in the daytime! I thought that was to wear nights Why, I slept in that last night!"

A suppressed smile that gradually grew audible, swept through the household —Lynn Union.

Somebody Will Be Found.

[Courier-Journal.]

The Siamese, Persian and Corean missions are vacant, and aspiring young men of a literary turn of mind can find no richer fields than these in which to dig for hidden treasures. The politicians do not want these missions and they can be had for the asking by gentlemen of ability and good standing.

In Georgia Factories.

The working people of Columbus, Ga., reckon the events from the settling-days of the factories, thus a baby is described as "a settlings old the coming settling." Settlings comes once a fortnight.

NURSERIES FOR OYSTERS.

HOW THE SEED MAY BE PROTECTED UNTIL FIT TO TRANSPLANT

The Problem of Oyster Culture Probably Solved—Sure and Bountiful Crops of the Toothsome Bivalve—Explanation of Methods.

The long series of investigations into oyster culture, carried on under the direction of the United States fish commission by Professors Brooks and Ryder, now promise valuable practical results. Professor Ryder, at a recent meeting of the Washington Biological society, for the first time announced the result of his studies, which promise to be of the highest economic value To use his own words "We have reached a point where we can safely say the problem of oyster culture is solved We have been sounding it for many years, and have now struck bottom"

For a long time one of the chief drawbacks to successful oyster raising has been the scarcity of seed oysters. The young oyster, for some time after it is hatched, swims in a free state upon the surface, and then as soon as its shell is formed it is dragged by the newly-acquired weight to the bottom, and there it dies of suffocation in the mud This is is the fate of billions of young each year, and for a long time the necessity of furnishing the young oyster some good, clean surface for attachment has been felt The tendency to swim at the surface is an adaptation for securing wide distribution by means of the winds and currents which sweep the young oysters against solid bodies that may serve for attachment, and the greatest danger to which an oyster is exposed is that it may not at the swimming stage find such a surface

TAKING CARE OF THE "EMBRYOS."

Mr Ryder's plan is to construct a ditch, serpentine in form, having nets of galvanized wire placed perpendicularly about a foot apart, and extending from the surface to the bottom This will give the greatest possible amount of attaching surface in a given area In a ditch 400 feet long, constructed after their plan and having an area equal to a pond forty feet square, 400 such baskets may be placed, giving a tremendous amount of available room for the young oyster to fix themselves. A bushel of "brood oysters" will deliver 1,000,000,000 embryos, and of this vast number swept back and forth by the tide in the narrow ditch few would be so unfortunate as to pass through without striking one of the wires In a ditch having the area of an acre 10,000 bushels of spat can be raised, and each oyster will have room enough to grow to the required size

The seed which is used for planting in Maryland and Virginia, as well as in Delaware and further north, is now procured from the natural beds of these waters by dredging and as the demand for oysters for this purpose is certainly one of the elements which have lead to the depletion of the oyster beds, there is a widespread feeling that the exportation of seed should be prohibited By a small investment of capital any one on tide water could easily raise large quantities of much better, cleaner seed than that which is now procured from the natural beds, and if the laws permitted the sale and transportation of this seed seed without restriction at the season when the demand exists, it could be sold at a profit far less than the cost of dredging

ADVANTAGES OF THE METHOD

Northern planters could also raise seed for themselves by constructing ditches in the warm water of the sounds of Virginia and North Carolina, where the length of the summer season would permit several collections to be made in one season The oysters thus reared become large enough for planting in five or six weeks, and in this latitude there is abundance of spat from the middle of April to the 1st of July It can be collected until September

This method, with slight modifications, can also be used for the direct production of marketable oysters, especially over muddy bottoms, and in regions where public sentiment does not permit private ownership of the bottom Artificial beds may be cut in the salt marshes or the creeks can be used, then there will be no question about the right to keep the oysters from the public As food for the oyster is most abundant at the mouths of muddy creeks, where the bottom is too soft for oyster culture by planting or shelling, this method will have special advantage in such places, for there will be no danger of sanding or of smothering by mud at the surface, and there is no limit to the number of oysters which can thus be grown on a given area, for the free current of water will bring food to all of them Experiment shows that, in addition to all these advantages, the oyster will be of a better shape, with better shells and more marketable, than those grown at the same place on the bottom

Finally this method will do away with the necessity for a title to the bottom and will thus enable a few enterprising men to set the example of correct oyster culture, and by the education of the community, to hasten the time when wiser laws will render our natural advantages available for the benefit of the people The most economical method of constructing the necessary arrangements must, of course, be determined by practical experiments —New York Sun

Individual Susceptibility to Shock

People who are slender and nervous sometimes express a dread of the effect that a 'shock' might have upon them in case of accident At a recent meeting of the New York State Medical association, Dr C W Brown referring to individual susceptibility to shock, said that some persons of fleshy habit and apparent health will succumb sooner to a minor injury producing shock than some others of delicate habits and nervous temperament the nervous system in the latter giving way less readily" Also, shock is less in persons suffering from chronic diseases than in healthy people though the former are less likely to make complete recoveries —Chicago Times

A California River Blown Dry

During the recent high windstorm Link river was blown almost entirely dry, so much so that men and boys walked across the bed of the river picking up fish by the hundred. As this statement may be doubted by some exchanges we will explain by stating that the river has numerous falls and the wind kept the water from flowing from upper Klamath lake while the lower lakes could not back up above the falls —California Paper

LIFE'S LESSON

"Which is the way to Temple Fame?"
Enquired an eager youth,
"And how to gain the honored name,
And where the mine of truth?"
Through life he pushed the race begun
As only genius can,
To see full glory reaped by one
Who toiled for bread and man.
—C G Blanden in The Current.

The Two Pillars of the Empire.

"Appearances are never more deceitful than when Bismarck and Moltke, the two main pillars of the German empire, are seen together A stranger who had merely read of their respective achievements, without deriving from art some familiarity with their features, would on first beholding them, infallibly mistake the diplomatist for the soldier In the tall figure, the broad shoulders, the thick neck, the grizzly mustache, the bushy eye-brows, and the grim, determined look of the prince, he would at once be sure of the victor in three unparalleled campaigns, while the slender form, the studious stoop, the smooth-shaven face, with the pensive and magnificently poised head of the count would correspond with his preconception of the man who thought out the grand political plans which had been executed at the point of the sword by his herculean companion"

The prince stands 6 feet 2 inches in his boots, and, though a septuagenarian, is as straight as an iron rod Some years ago he suffered much from obesity, but this he reduced by a severe regimen His power of work was until recently quite phenomenal though he has always been a great eater, a deep drinker and a heavy smoker At one time he was what the Germans call a "chain smoker"—that is, he would consume consecutively a cable of cigars, each link being lighted at the stump of its predecessor "Happy man!" exclaimed Gambetta once, speaking of the great German, "beer and smoke agree with him" Though virtually a one meal man, that meal has been enormous, both as regards eating and drinking He has a passionate love for the country, finding "tongues in trees, books in the running brooks," and "sermons in stones"—London Times Book Review

Dual Powers of Yin and Yang.

Chinese metaphysics give to the one eternal principle the dual powers called yin and yang, which might be rendered vis inertiæ and vis mobile The yin, or left, principle is dark, passive, negative, weak and feminine, the yang, or right-principle is bright, active, strong, positive and masculine We have these principles again as male and female in the Japanese Shinto philosophy, but it is difficult to admit that they are indigenous, especially when we see the Japanese Buddhist temples flanked by gigantic male and female figures representing the Chinese principles—the In and the Yo, as the Japanese pronounce the Chinese words before given the one green (dark) with the mouth firmly closed, the other red (fire, flame, light) and open mouthed

The same principles meet us in Hindooism, in the double nature of Brahma and his wife Sakti In the caves of Elephanta is a fine piece of rock sculpture representing Siva and his wife, Parvati, in one body of which the left is the female side, and all the chief Hindoo deities have this double nature, both active and quiescent. The ancient dualistic philosophy is firmly rooted in the Hindoo mind, and means ultimately two distinct, eternally co-existing essences—spirit, regarded as male, and matter as female The dual theory of the universe was no doubt assisted in its expansion into a philosophy by a duality of the sexes in all animal and vegetable nature —St James' Gazette

Barometer Areas and Cold Waves.

There is a mysterious connection between areas of barometer and cold waves. Most of the areas of low barometer are formed in the region just east of the Rocky mountains, and as one of these low areas moves eastward 'the high' moves in, and it escorts or is escorted by a cold wave of more or less intensity But all cold waves do not move across the country from west to east, along one wind-shorn track In the four years' observations it was ascertained that twenty-two moved directly across the country along the chain of great lakes to and through New England, forty seven moved in a southeasterly direction, covering the entire country in their progress, and nineteen moved southeasterly from Montana or Dakota to Texas thence through the gulf states, and thence northeasterly over the Atlantic coast states None of the first class visited the south and all of the second class did, and some of the third class did not touch interior points —Atlanta Constitution

Only a Month or Two to Live.

The dying congressman Rankin, though he knows he can not live more than a month or two at the furthest, keeps up his spirits very well indeed During the choice of the seats he was one of the unluckiest ones, and got one near the back of the chamber As he took it he turned to his next-door neighbor and said "Not a very good seat, it is true, but it will not create so much attention back here when it is draped after my burial"

Not long ago the doctors told him he was safe as long as his feet did not begin to swell, but when that change took place he might know that death was approaching Said he Of late my feet have been swelling considerably I can stand it well enough as long as the daylight shines and I do not have to face death, but if I awake in the night with that sensational swelling in my feet the thought of passing away makes me nervous and I wish the doctor had not told me —Washington Cor Cleveland Leader

Table Ware Made from Slag

An exquisitely beautiful set of tableware is now made from the slag resulting from the smelting of copper gold and silver ores at Argo, Colo The slag is melted at an intense heat then poured into vats of agitated water then remelted and poured into molds after or together with an acid mixture which causes the metal to flux pretty generally with added materials The result is a metallic glass with the strength of light cast-iron, and in any form of table ware bowls cups tumblers, etc, with the most beautiful sprays of onyx stone colors upon a general background of opal The makers claim that they have direct control over these colors, the slag containing a larger percentage of material necessary than can be found in slag elsewhere —The Argonaut

Variations of the Gulf Stream

Tidal observations on the eastern coast of America have acquired a new importance since the coast survey has confirmed by recent observations the older suggestion that there are tidal fluxes in the gulf stream and variations in its velocity due to half-monthly changes in the relative sea levels of the Atlantic and gulf of Mexico —Chicago Times

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WOMAN AND HOME.

A BRIEF LIST OF "DON'T'S" FOR THE WIFE TO READ

What Little Folks Ought To Be Taught—Amateur Home Furnishing—Mrs Talmage's Work—Book for Recipes—Notes and Paragraphs

Don t disturb your husband while he is reading his morning or evening paper by asking foolish questions. He may be only reading the latest scandal or divorce suit, but he is just as much interested as though it were foreign news or market reports. Be patient and when he comes across any thing he thinks you can comprehend perhaps he may read it to you.

Don t communicate unpleasant news or ask a favor before eating. The heart is not easily touched when the stomach is empty.

Don't ever tell a man he is good looking. Some other woman probably will some time, and in that case he won t know that her *opinion concurs with yours*. He carries a pocket hand-glass now, and he will shortly become addicted to pajamas.

Don't put the morning paper at the bottom of the pile, and don t have more than a dozen different places for the button hook.

Don't impose upon your husband just because he is good enough to assist you a little in your housework. Don t leave the stove handle in the red hot stove, and don't ask him to empty the ash hod. Draw a line on the ash hod, and don't run a free horse to death.

Don't gather up all his receipts and notes that he has put carefully away on the sitting room table—and tuck them in the fire the moment *his back is turned*.

Don't trade off all his old clothes for a pair of china dogs and then tell him about it.

Don't monopolize every hook in the closet. Graciously tender him one nail for his very own—and then, in mercy, hang your "Mother Hubbard," your pelerine, your shopping bag, and your bonnet some other place.

Don't be inexplicit in giving directions. When you ask him to up-stairs for your portemonnaie, tell him it is either on the table, or in the further corner of the left-hand side of the upper bureau drawer, or in the pocket of your brown dress in the closet. He will have no trouble in finding it—if you can tell him just where it is, especially the pocket.

Don t ask him where he has been the moment he enters the house, or where he is going if he starts out for a walk before breakfast. It nettles him, and men hate to have such pointed questions sprung upon them. Besides that, we live under a free flag.

Don't ask him to walk the floor with the baby half the night. A man who tramps *industriously around a billiard table* three nights in the week or buys an admission ticket to the opera can t be expected to be on duty at home the other three nights. Have mercy on him and give the man an opportunity to recuperate.

Don't waste your breath in useless vituperation against his favorite chum. Cultivate the chum yourself—ostensibly—when your husband is not around, and matters will assume a different aspect.

Don't put pins in your curl papers or let your crimping pins dangle on your forehead. They are abnominations and feminine implements of warfare that men despise.

Don't leave hair in the comb or your neck curls where they will stick to his hair brush. Don't put a long hair *on the soap* or in his tooth brush purposely.

Don't mend his hosiery with coarse cotton having knots in it larger than a pea.

Don t be unreasonably vexed if he is not ready for church as soon as you are. If he doesn't start to get ready till the bells begin to ring, you mustn't expect the same result as with yourself, who had the whole morning before you.

Don't scold him because he leaves ashes in his pipe. One of the privileges of a married man is to leave an old pipe full of ashes in just the position to empty the contents on the window sill or the mantelpiece the moment it is touched.

Don't indulge in flights of temper when your husband suggests how his mother did. If he objects to having eggs boiled in the tea kettle, and prefers them washed previous to cooking, endeavor to please him by indulging him in his fancies. In the mean time bring your sons up as carefully as you can, and when they are married, you your self will doubtless be held up as an example of virtue, and revenge is sweet.

Don't be too prodigal in the use of kindling wood. *There is no fruit of his toil* that man guards as jealously as he does his kindling wood. He would fain put it where thieves break not through and steal. So, just because you have free access to it, don t burn up enough to last a week in one day.

Don't parley for the last word in a discussion. The sooner you discover that it is a pleasure you must forego, and make up your mind to relinquish it entirely, the *sooner you have a chance for peace in the* family, and a long life of fireside contentment.—Haryot Holt in Chicago Herald.

What Little Folks Ought to Know.

Children should be introduced to nature and taught to make friends with her. This is very easily done when they are young, and they will really get a personal interest in inanimate things, like the children in Dickens ' Dream of a Star.' Whoever saw it first cried out 'I see the star.' And often they both cried out together, knowing so well when it would rise and where. So they grew to be such friends with it that before lying down in their beds they always looked out once again to bid it good night, and when they were *turning round to sleep* they used to say, "God bless the star." What delight the whole rolling year can be made to give them if but their eyes are taught to see when they are young.

Do you ever think, my friends, of how much the little new comers in this earth have to learn, and how little sense we show in teaching them. What a multitude of useless things we laboriously impress upon their brains, and how we fail to teach them to see and to hear for themselves—the real sources of all true knowledge. How few children are taught anything about their own bodies and how to take care of them. Admitting, as all must, that health is the first thing in this world, and that without

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Helps in Amateur Home Furnishing.

We all know that one thing, I don t have the inviting, make-yourself-at-home look that home-made things have. Just the nicest foot-stool can be made out of a tobacco box stuff it with straw, and then cover it *with that much abused crazy work* paint the sides, and put a row of fringe around the top. And a dainty little handkerchief box (for a good husband) can be made out of a cigar box. One would think that a man who disliked "foolishness" would dispense with the washstand, and go to the kitchen to wash, but as we think it is desirable, we will make one of a dry goods box turned on one end hinge the lid on for a *door hue the inside with cambric*, put in a shelf, and whittle a fancy piece to put around the top then paint and varnish.

A good mattress is made like a comforter, only just as large as the bed and with at out seven or eight pounds of cotton in it this is used over a straw tick and is quite comfortable. For curtains, use yellow or white muslin, linen thread for lace, and 10 cents' worth of red tablecloth, stamp some thing pretty in the corners and middle of the bottom, and outline it with double thread taken from the tablecloth. I got up four curtains and bought the fixtures for $1 50. The chairs also can be dispensed with and a very good substitute made of a box the right size and height, put a broad board up for a *back, then* cushion, and cover it with cretonne, or some plain goods, and finish with cords or gimp. If you want this to answer two purposes, you can leave one side open and put a curtain around it, pulled on a little this is handy for shoes. Another can be made like a large stool with the lid to lift up.

A stand for the lamp can be made of the lid of a cheese-box with three broomsticks nailed and fastend in the middle for legs paint or bronze the legs and tie a ribbon around it makes about four small box plaited in the curtain, and between these loop it up with bows of ribbon flowers painted or embroidered on it make it prettier. Make a dressing case of a large goods box cover on *the outside with cretonne and line inside* with paper or cambric, and put a curtain across the front cover the top with plush scraps and put a cunning little lambrequin around it.—Cor Minneapolis Housekeeper.

Keeping a Book for Recipes

A correspondent writes: What is the best way of keeping recipes so that one does not have to hunt through masses of newspaper clippings?' A blank book bound in stiff boards or muslin, and divided into section, is the best and most convenient form. An index is written thus: 'Soups' 'sauces,' 'fish,' 'meat' 'vegetables,' "game," 'dessert,' "cakes 'bread 'beverages,' 'sundries.' These main divisions may be *subdivided as desired*. Allot a certain number of pages to each main division, giving the proper headings in the body of the book. As each recipe is tried, copy it neatly into the book under its proper heading. The printed recipe could be pasted in the book but it does not look so neat as fair writing. Index each recipe under its proper heading in the general index, and there will be no trouble in finding it. Under "sundries" write any practical suggestions with regard to household matters. Such a book is of the greatest assistance to a housekeeper, for it presents in such a form her actual experience and enables her to prepare her weekly bill of fare with the greatest ease.—The Argonaut.

The Wife of Rev. De Witt Talmage.

The wife of the great preacher, Rev De Witt Talmage, while she has always modestly kept herself in the background, is *nevertheless almost as remarkable for* her fine intellect as her renowned husband. A woman of medium height, with dark hair and flashing black eyes, and a face showing great strength of character, Mrs. Talmage is a noticeable figure wherever she is seen. She is an earnest worker in the church as well as a devoted wife and mother, and the duties that devolve upon her as the wife of a minister of so large a congregation would appall any woman less gifted with good judgment and untiring energy than she. Mrs. Talmage has, among her other labors, the charge of a Bible class of 300 adults, to whom she delivers a lecture each Sunday, which is as brilliant in its way as her husband's sermon. She is in every way a rare woman among women, intellectual, earnest, pleasing and modest.—Chicago Journal.

Death of a Noted Medical Woman.

The band of medical women practicing in the country is a small one, but it had no more distinguished member than the late Mme Marie Prideaux, M B, who after a week of severe illness has succumbed to an attack of virulent diphtheria. It is but five years ago that Miss Prideaux matriculated at the London university with honors and only last year that she passed her final M B examination, and when, a month since, she was appointed to the post of house surgeon of Paddington hospital for children it was thought that a long and successful career was before her, but like many another in her profession, she has fallen a victim to her own zeal.—London Truth.

Something Concerning the Son-in-Law.

The papers are teeming—and have been for years with most outrageous flips and jests against mothers-in-law. The world would from but one side of this long and loud quarrel. So fat women have never had out it. Not even one have I seen print a line in justification from them. I still love they will ever retaliate by [illegible] though this might do so sometimes the fruity that marks the [illegible] brought by the sons-in-law. Helen [illegible]

A Custom Which Excites Curiosity

Dr Severn Teichfenstein travel with a [illegible] which creates considerable curiosity. It consists of eleven persons seven of whom are negroes. They are comely women of the race and are dressed in [illegible] curious and fantastic costumes [illegible] colors rival the brilliancy of a bird of paradise.—The Argonaut.

Little Skins Which Mean Much

[illegible] saw [illegible] are two girls of young girls. These women and [illegible] flatteringly, whose gloves are [illegible] tan, whose boxes and drawers are always in confusion and those who, however poorly dressed, have given you the impression that the boy just left the bath whose clothes [illegible] even pick it from drawers and who always leave a room in order than the found it which they entered little signs which show the unhealthy, disorderly mind or the sweet pure nature in healthy development.

It is amusing, to notice how the old poets insisted on personal purity and neatness in the women whose charms they sung. The Chloes are always first of all fair "still to be neat" "still to be dressed as one were going to a feast" is the highest virtue for a woman. Cordelia is a model of a lady. The poet can find no simile that will fitly express the purity of his heroine than "as the white plumage of a dove or breast of the flag of the bee." Sweet as soft so sweet is she.' Youth's Companion.

The Latest Craze at the Capital

The latest craze that has struck the Washington belle is the carrying of canes. A few weeks ago a young leader in society returned from England and the next day she surprised her friends by appearing on the street with a cane. It wasn t the ordinary dude cane, but a much little stick with a shepherd's crook of hammered silver. Sometimes she swung it, and at other times she struck the ground with a sharp rap. There is no question but that this created a sensation, but there is a great deal of difference of opinion as to whether the craze will strike in or not. So far not more than half a dozen girls have mustered up courage enough to appear on the streets with canes. —Washington Cor Boston Transcript.

The Wife of John Jacob Astor.

As his business increased Astor ventured to marry. He selected as his helpmate Sarah Todd, a connection of the Brevoort family. She brought him a fortune of $300, a very acceptable *addition to his capital*. She entered with zeal into her husband's business, and soon became so good a judge of skins that when it became necessary to select those of the finest quality the selection was left to her judgment and she never made a mistake. Furs for the Chinese trade were always chosen by her. She made her husband pay dearly for her services, until she finally demanded $500 an hour which was *freely given*.—New York World.

Object Lessons on the Clock Dial.

The Current knows little school girls and boys of 7 and 8 years who can tell how many seconds there be in a minute, minutes in an hour, hours in a day, and so on, but who can not *read the time of day on the* dial of a clock. Children pester the lives of their mothers by incessant questions touching the time of school. They go too early and are locked out. They arrive too late and are covered with disgrace. Could not the teachers do a considerable good to all concerned by giving object lessons on the dial of the school room clocks? The Current.

Criticism of Masculine Self Sufficiency

The love of women for smart clothing, I once at the hands of man that sort of inconsistent criticism which masculin self sufficiency commonly attributes to the opposite sex. We in dull the supreme impudence that *blames* such in the dress we grumble in our own dull fashion when ever it is our fortune to pay the bills which this taste entails. But let a woman be neglectful her dress, and the masculine eye is ready enough to letter than unless it is ready enough to denounce it.—St. James' Gazette.

Slight Falling Off in the Demand.

There appears to be a slight falling off in the demand of rich American girls for impecunious noblemen as husbands. So many of these marriages have turned out badly that a lesson has been taught, and in some instances the fair Americans are showing a fight and endeavoring to secure release from their money seeking lords. This is satisfactory. It is comforting to observe that a few of the adventurers are like little Ah Sid the Chinese kid, finding "Melican outside hot."—Chicago Tribune.

In Harmony with the Guest's Type

A correspondent writes: "The present Parisian fashion, which decrees that the finer bouquet at each lady's plate shall harmonize with her complexion reminds me of the French custom of honoring the special guest at dinner by having the sauces to correspond with the guest's peculiar type. If brunette, every dish is served with a brown sauce if blonde, a white sauce accompanies each plate. Surely this is a delicate courtesy, and one that may easily be followed.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

When Collecting a Home Library.

In collecting a home library, it is unwise as a rule, to try to buy books in sets. Some books of reference would of course, be expected in a large *collection*, but as regards general reading, there are very few authors all of whose works one would care to read. Unless you have a great deal of money, it is better to buy the best books of the best authors and read them carefully.—Minneapolis Housekeeper.

A Rug Made of Ostrich Skins.

One of the many beautiful and curious things at Mrs. Senator Logan's house at Washington is a rug composed of nine ostrich skins. With every current of air the tiny feathers nod and flutter until the entire surface looks like a bed of softest gray and white down.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Chinese Minister's Wife in Paris.

The wife of the new Chinese ambassador has startled the Parisians—she is a sensation in dress. Such lovely silks, such brilliant colors, and elaborate and graceful embroidery have hardly been dreamed of.—Chicago Herald.

Playing Her Part in Society.

"You do get your daughters up most beautifully, Mrs. Hebe." Yes, *that is art*." "And you get them into society so early." That is mart." "And you find rich husbands for them." "That is smart."—Bob Burdette.

A Crush Hat for the Ladies.

The latest *freak of fashion is a crush hat* for women. It was first introduced in a French play. The music is furnished with springs by means of which it can be shut by the woman's opera hat.

Oil Cellars Now in Use

Cut glass cellars with stands of antique silver are now used on well ordered tables, and salt and pepper are no longer furnished by domestic animals with silver and glass eyes.

At the present time there are more than a dozen in the great west carrying on business as far as known they (the firm) have conducted successfully.—Boston Herald Journal.

Helping Women to an Education

An association has been formed in Helsingfors Russia with the sole object of supporting women who desire not only to study but also to graduate at the University.

Fresh milk boiled with loaf sugar will soothe a cough when other things fail.

WAYS OF THE SPIDER.

A CREATURE OF GREAT STRENGTH AND FEROCITY

What an Amateur Naturalist Has Observed — The Jumping Spider and Its Victim—Cunning of the Wolf Spider—Other Kinds

[New York Sun.]

A friend of an amateur naturalist was poking fun at him about his collection, and said pointing at a common jumping spider:

"Why do you bother with such rubbish? Take a look at him through the microscope. He is a beauty," said the amateur.

The friend looked. Eight murderous eyes glared up at him. They were ranged in two semi circles on the front of the head, beaming with malignant cunning and ferocity. The strong jaws were open and two hollow, serrated tusks protruded from them. No neck could be seen. Body and head were one. A model of cruel power, *covered with stripes* of silky tan and black hair. Eight long, triple jointed, forceful legs half hidden by hair and feathers armed with sharp-pointed spikes like locust thorns, ending in formidable claws hooked at their points and toothed like coarse combs, were bent in the attitude of springing. The specimen seemed to be as large as a chipmunk, and in general form resembled one.

"Does it use those combs on its feet to smooth the hair and feathers on its legs?" asked his friend of the amateur.

THE JUMPING SPIDER.

"Yes. They also assist in web-making, and prevent slipping when the spider makes a spring. The jumping spider gets his name from his nimble bounds. The fellow you have just seen sprang to the top of a weed two feet away from and a little lower than his web when I tickled him with a piece of wire. I knew his next move would be to drop to the ground. Holding a wide-mouthed vial directly under him, I gave him another prod. He dropped. The cork, saturated with chloroform, was hastily put into the vial. The spider dreamed of fat bluebottles and juicy grasshoppers for a few seconds, and then forgot about them forever. Some have but two eyes, others thirteen. In differing species their arrangement also varies. The jumping spider has all his eyes in front. It does not need them elsewhere. Sitting in the entrance of the woven funnel attached to the web, and facing it, the jumper is ready for prey or foe. It leaves no external trace of its business. Springing upon its victim, the spider drags *it from the web into the funnel*, dispatches it, feasts upon it, and then drops the skeleton out of the narrow end of the funnel, to hang there with other evidences of its power. When alarmed it retreats through this skeleton closet to the crannies in the floor or the depths of the dense shrubbery in which it has builded.

CHASED BY THE "WOLF."

The eyes of the wolf spider are adapted to the uses it has for them. On each side of it body are two eyes, and in the front of its head four. It weaves no web. Prowling over a wall fence or branch, the wolf spider instantly attaches a line to the object upon which it is moving, and lies in wait for the fly. The fly steps forward, the wolf steps forward, gets in front of the fly, and stops. Every time the fly moves the spider follows and gains ground until near enough for its purpose, when it races up to the fly and the fight is on. Should the fly turn from the line of the fence to go down the side, the wolf comes to the rescue, drops upon the fly, swings with him for a second upon the line, climbs down and has dinner up to the top of the fence.

House or barn spiders—chaps with big round bodies—have two eyes on the top of the head. Horny lids *force these to look to* the sides and rear. In front there are two large straight forward and upward. Below these on either side of the head are two eyes nearly joined with a tubing over that hinders them to long upward. These on the inside of the bulges take a cross view of matters. So you see the house fly, buzzing in the center of the web which he unduly regards has left swinging from the ceiling can keep one eye upon her and another upon her broom, a third upon the mosquito buzzing about in front of it, a fourth upon a bit of meat in the web, a fifth upon a fly that is nearing the danger point, a sixth upon a crack in the ceiling, a seventh upon one of his own legs and the *eighth for miscellaneous purposes*.

OTHER SPECIES.

"The ground spider is the lion of its kind. Size *considered, it is swifter than a deer*. It runs down its game. Its eyes are placed two on the sides, and two in front of the narrow part of its peaked head, and four in a row below, on the front of the broader part.

"A printing office furnished me with the strangest spider I have. It was a lean, lank, semi transparent, tubular-bodied, small headed specimen, with very long, thin legs and a remarkably hungry look. He had two eyes in front and on each side of the head three, lapping on each other as clover leaves do."

"How do you get your spiders?"

"Catch some myself others are sent to me. An acquaintance sent me three the other day. When I unwrapped the package and saw they were in one box I became doubtful. I opened the box. One of the three was a *jumping spider*. What the others were I could not tell. The jumping spider had killed them, and was frisking about over their broken carcasses."

Not Cut Out for Journalism.

[Chicago Ledger.]

The little daughter of a literary man began writing stories when she was only 7 or 8 years old. One day a visitor to whom she had been showing her efforts said:

"I expect you will grow up to be a writer like your father, Nettie. You will write stories and have them printed in the newspapers, won't you?"

"Oh my, no!" said the little girl, with a serious face, 'my stories would n't never do to print.'

"Why, wouldn't they?"

"Why because they ain't true. They're just the things that I make up.

A Satisfactory Explanation.

[Chicago Black Diamond.]

'O Gawge!' "Yes, darling." 'I fear O I fear that my parents will oppose our marriage.' "What makes you think so?"

Why, you know, Gawge, ma thinks you're a flirt. She saw you poking the fire in the grate last night, and she said you did it too well. She said no young man had that twist of the wrist who didn't sit up with a good many girls regularly. O, Gawge, are you deceiving me?" "Deceiving you! Naw! I got that twist when I first went into the restaurant business—opening oysters. I am all yours, Angelina." "O, Gawge!"

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THE GREAT RUSSIAN LIBRARY.

United States Minister Tolstoy Gives a Description of the Place

Like all the Imperial buildings the library palace is of immense extent. It was founded by that most remarkable woman, Catharine II, whose hand seems everywhere in St Petersburg almost as conspicuous as that of the Great Peter. Most fitly a magnificent bronze statue of the great empress stands in the square opposite the library, and a fine full length portrait of her meets the visitor soon after he enters.

The library is, of course, not in a single room, but fills two stories and many rooms. These rooms are lofty and well lighted, especially those of the upper floor. There is said to be gathered here over 1,000,000 of books and of course, they are of all tongues. A large circular room, whose walls rise like a dome. I was told contained 60,000 volumes, every one of which related to Russia. Another room was wholly given up to the [illegible] of the various libraries of the world, of which it was said there were 6,000 volumes.

Of manuscripts there is a large collection. The most notable is perhaps a collection of Hebrew manuscripts, many of which were huge rolls of parchment or leather. It was *said to have been the collection of a learned* Hebrew rabbi, and to have cost the imperial governor at 300 000 thalers. There are great numbers of letters and writings of distinguished men, many of which are displayed under glass, so as to be easily examined. Two especially struck me, as showing the sharp revenges of time. One was an order signed 'Napoleon," dated at the Kremlin, in 1812. Directly below it was one of "Alexander I," dated at Paris in 1815.

There is no end of old bibles, and in a great variety of tongues. They are displayed in endless glass cases so that they can be seen with great ease.

I was much struck with the great beauty of the writing and printing of many Oriental books. Some were in gilt and some were in silver lettering. There was a very large and beautiful Persian book entitled "Universal History."

In one section of the library sits Voltaire, in marble, of life size. Around him is his entire library, bought by Catharine after his death.—Hon G V N Lothrop.

One Boy Who Got Enough.

It has often been a query how much candy a boy could eat before he was satisfied. It is generally supposed by most boys that they can dispose of several pounds and then go hungry. A proposition was readily accepted by a 14-year-old lad on Fourth street the other afternoon that if he would eat 50 cents worth it would cost him nothing, but if he failed he would have to pay the half dollar. As he started in, bravely eyeing the delicious chocolate *creams*, he remarked that he regretted not having made the stipulation a dollar.

Quite a crowd gathered round to witness the spectacle. The boy kept changing from one kind to another and finally wished to take a run around the block as he was getting cold but was held to his bargain. After eating simply till the candies in sight and those left at 15 cents were bolted he gave up, though. He threw the half dollar on the counter and with a mighty effort managed to get out on the sidewalk before he gave up the ghost. After a short period of recovery he was seen sitting in the window of the store where the contest occurred, looking as though he wanted all he would eat any more. He would have come for candy from Heaven, but was convulsed with laughter as he went whistling down the street a sadder and wiser boy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Agony of a Society Man

By the way are you dining with the Mayor elect to-night? Have you New Year cards? Why did I ask to be [illegible] there? What—and [illegible] to answer? Oh I am served enough but I can forgotten whenever I accepted or declined.—London Punch.

Circus Man's Experience in Mexico

"Mexico has never been invaded by American circuses," said Mr Vernon, of the Robinson [illegible] tented aggregation of wonders to-day. "Why?

Well the real truth of the matter is no circus manager could ever be sure of getting out of the country alive. Two years ago we thought of taking a circus in. Brandreth and I had a two hours' [illegible] with President Diaz about it. He listened to me with interest, and finally gave me a paper, signed stamped and sealed. Immediately that all our [illegible] be allowed to come into the port of Vera Cruz free of duty. I thought that settled the matter, and I went to Vera Cruz to make the final arrangements. I went to the custom office, showed them my paper. Imagine my surprise when I [illegible] into a torrent of Spanish. After the paper to pieces, and in the I wanted to talk about [illegible] I must come to them. When I did to have something done the matter I found I was utterly helpless. That's [illegible] me."

The [illegible] the last you had to do with [illegible] co

No I was there last summer, or rather I was in a Mexican town of some [illegible] on the Rio Grande. We were short of [illegible] and I wanted to make arrangements [illegible] an excursion from Mexico to [illegible] &c. Well, I crossed the [illegible] with a lot of the posters and window [illegible] graphs. The custom house officers and posters were all right, but that the [illegible] graphs came under the head of old paper and must be valued at $100 each. Mind they are worth about 6 cents apiece. I got away from Mexico after that, just 3,000 years behind the times."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Quantity Decreasing, Quality Improving

A study of statistical tables has made it apparent that human *life is decreasing* in quantity but improving in quality—that is, in some parts of the world. An astonishing falling off in the births in France has taken place since the beginning of the century, the average number of children per marriage having been reduced nearly one fourth. But the average life has increased in length about one-sixth. Similar results are obtained in England, Austria, Italy and other countries of advanced civilization.

Among inferior races births are more numerous and life is shorter. In general the lower species of plants and animals are more than the higher. The female of the common ant lays sixty eggs per minute, a queen ant from 5,000 to 6,000 eggs annually. In vertebrates, fecundity diminishes as we rise from fishes to reptiles, from reptiles to birds, from birds to mammals.—London Budget.

Were in Favor of Disestablishment.

In a recent speech in his cathedral city the archbishop of Canterbury, alluding to the proposed contentious prevalent among the peasantry in England as to the advantages they are living under from disestablishment. There is a parish where there is a dozen clergymen whose family are constantly their attention to the sick and sorrowful. One of them discovered that many of the cottagers she visited were in favor of disestablishment. She was [illegible] and [illegible] how it was brought about. Well, I don't know exactly, but it was by a movement to have a new church and we want a [illegible] church.—Chicago Herald.

An Old-Fashioned Husking

[Inter Ocean.]

Wood tock, Coun., had what is called a swell old fashioned husking" recently. Guests came from Boston and New York, the invitations were printed on corn leaves, the grounds lighted by pumpkin lanterns, and 235 bushels of corn husked.

A simple means of drying wet boots is to fill them with oats and let them stand before the fire over night. The oats absorb the moisture leaving the boots nice and dry.

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LOCAL NEWS.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY

—Prayer meetings at the churches are well attended this week

—M J Chase visited Delaware yesterday on business

—J C Hunt was in Kenton Wednesday on business

—Harry Weeks is again confined to the house with rheumatism

—P J Cooper of Iowa, arrived in the city yesterday to spend a few days with friends

—Critic-Independent: Thos McNamara has never from Marion for weeks

—The Chase street mechanics are at work on the Main quarries, and are getting out stone

—C W Beck came up from Columbus last Saturday to visit relatives and friends returning there on Wednesday

—I will exchange with Chris Hurman and will learn work Monday week

—Harry Scrolds, of Philadelphia, a student of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy is at present visiting Mr and Mrs H Young

—Tim Dubois is having a set cut out west of Marion on the C and A, and is shipping it to this place He thus secures a ready supply

—Justice Francis was invited yesterday a member of the "Log of Ducks" He pleaded not guilty to the charge made and was fined cost to count

—*Only $1 50* for the Weekly STAR one year and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it The best paper in the County thus costs but *50 CENTS per* year Try it

—The ticket box with all the rink tickets and receipted bills were stolen from the rink Tuesday night or Wednesday The manager thinks he knows the parties that did it

—J V Harrison, of Buffalo N Y, was in the city yesterday looking natural and familiar The ex sheriff prefers to live in Marion rather than Buffalo if his business was here

—*Only ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS* for the Weekly STAR one year, and a Coupon good for ONE DOLLAR in trade goes with it *The best paper in* the County thus costs but FIFTY CENTS per year Try it

—B G Kingsley, who has been visiting his mother Mrs I B Gorton in this city for the past few weeks, starts for Mansfield Tioga county, Pa next Monday He is employed in the Mansfield Advertiser office

—Caledonia Argus: Chris Hoberman, of Marion, was in town on business Tuesday Miss Mollie Breen, of Marion is visiting her sister, Mrs Hunley, of this place The officers of Caledonia Lodge, I O O F, were installed on Saturday evening last by District Deputy Young, of Marion

—Mt Vernon Republican: Work has been begun on the Mt Vernon, Coshocton and Wheeling railway and on the *town path of the* Walhonding canal, one mile from Coshocton, and is being prosecuted vigorously towards Warsaw, *ten miles* distant It is said that the ten miles will be graded in thirty days

—Cambridge Knights of Pythias are making extensive preparations for a grand banquet, to take place in this city on Friday evening, January 29 Lodges from eleven places have been invited to be present, and this occasion is not only to be enjoyed by the Knights themselves but also by *their ladies* The banquet will be held at one of the hotels and dancing will be indulged in at the City Hall

—It is amusing to watch the Pacetus Critic Monday night the boys in the Chicago polo team *were a little huffy* at the price of admission charged players carelessly and Lucretius downed them The Critic crowed loudly The next night Chicago played the game they had *here and shut the sluggers out* in seven innings Then the Critic changed its tune and instead of giving a column to the report had but two lines making one stick

—There is a small racket among some of the members of our fire department The difficulty seems to be between Ward and the remainder of the city Hall during the last few months the proper thing with the rank Here if the team took them goods off the rank vested by force and in that *shall* be the result but we doubt that a reorganization of one that complies with the rules The boys hall better set to the ground and then get down to business and be ready to play ball

—*The citizens of Galion* are excited over the discovery a body of a man by the name of David Maddox near the Lincoln bridge In the carry it is with the corpse famously the *Dark Cabin* was found near the [illegible] With warning and the set of the [illegible] to look complacent *When* [illegible] was found it was [illegible] had been fully [illegible] and [illegible] Maddox was *not* this week and yesterday it was suspected that he *was murdered* It is the opinion of [illegible] that he was murdered in [illegible] bodies the theory [illegible] is correct

—*Two Mile* was over from Caledonia today

—A certified will of the late John Koscarmans was admitted to probate yesterday

—Kenton and Upper Sandusky will play the junior polo team The dates are already arranged

—J N Campbell of Fully Up was in the city yesterday and paid this office a pleasant visit

—There was to have been an adjourned meeting of the council Wednesday night but there wasn't a quorum present

—Mrs I C Keil, of Bucyrus is the guest of her parents in this city for a few days Mrs Keil is still under treatment for her injured eye

—Marion county's pauper lunatic asylum for the insane is seventeen and there are now twenty patients there now Still there is more to follow

—Mike Flaherty of Denver Col, visiting friends and relatives in this city the forepart of this week He had not been in Marion before for five years

—Mollie W Hinkle was adjudged insane in the Probate Court, Wednesday, and application made for her admission to the insane asylum at Columbus

—Probate Judge Criswell was in Columbus attending the State Convention of Probate Judges, Thursday, and returned this morning Judge Matthews attended the office during his absence

—The Cardington Independent has been enlarged to nine column folio and gives the appearance of splendid success Neal Bros know how to run a good paper, and in giving Cardington and Morrow county the benefit of their knowledge

—Wemberger Brothers & Co will resume the manufacture of overalls, etc, about February first with a full force of hands They will move their shops from north Main street to the room formerly occupied by their dry goods store on south Main street

—The fire bell sounded the alarm of fire in the Third ward this morning The blaze was a slight one in the house of Ben Clark, on the corner of Church and Main streets, and was extinguished without much damage before the fire departments had reached there

—The willow swamp ditch a joint county water course in Marion and Union counties was considered before a joint meeting of the county commissioners today There was a large crowd present and a good many objections offered The plea that the assessments were too high was heard most frequent

—The shops of the Chicago and Atlantic railroad will shortly turn out in elegant new passenger train, consisting of baggage, mail express, smoking and two first class passenger cars They will be lighted with Pintch gas, have suspension trucks, elaborate toilet rooms and be a beauty The entire train is painted olive green

—A bill has been introduced into the state Senate by Dr Sinnett of Licking county providing for a State Board of Medical Examiners whose duty it shall be to examine and license all persons desiring to engage in the practice of medicine who may first properly qualify The board to be composed of six legal practitioners of the allopathic school and six of homeopathic school to belong to the homeopathic school to belong to the select school This bill is one of the many pointers of legislative Hills It has been effectually every General Assembly for seven years but its place on the calendar is always properly killed in the present The Democratic examiners composed of allopathic physicians, would be likely to be very harmonious and it would not be easy on them to agree as to the fitness of a candidate to engage in the practice of medicine

An Enjoyable Event.

About thirty five Masonic couples participated in the surprise on Mr and Mrs Clark last evening and enabled them to appreciate the esteem of their friends in a substantial manner Mr Clark is a member of Marion Lodge No 300 and Mrs Clark is a member of the Eastern Star and both are highly esteemed by the members of the fraternity The surprise was a complete success and was given without the knowledge of the recipients of the favors Mr and Mrs Clark were invited to the residence of Mr and Mrs Ben Clark, on the corner of Church and Main streets, and were astonished on entering the parlors to find the rooms filled with friends who had assembled to do honor to the occasion Mr and Mrs Clark were presented with a handsome silver service by Mr Jim Reynolds in behalf of the guests

Prospecting For the New Road.

[illegible] Zanesville Mt Vernon and Marion railroad engineers [illegible] Mt Vernon Republican: [illegible] Zanesville and Marion railroad [illegible] Mt Vernon and Marion railroad [illegible] Mt Vernon and Marion railroad [illegible] Mt Vernon

CARRISTON'S GIFT

By HUGH CONWAY

Author of "Called Back," 'Dark Days,' 'A Family Affair, etc

[TOLD BY PHILIP BRAND, M D, LONDON]

CHAPTER X.

I must confess, in spite of my affection for Carriston I felt inclined to rebel against the course which matters were taking I was a prosaic matter of fact medical man, living my work to the best of my ability, and anxious when that work was done that my hours of leisure should be as free from worry and care as possible With Carriston's advent several disturbing elements entered into my quiet life

Let Ralph Carriston be guilty or innocent of the extraordinary crime which his cousin and at his door I felt certain that he was anxious to obtain possession of the supposed lunatic's person It would suit his purposes for his cousin to be proved mad I did not believe that even if the capture was legally effected Carriston's liberation would be a matter of great difficulty so long as he remained in his present state of mind so long as I and actor of some standing, could go into the witness box and swear to his sanity But my chief dread was always with me—the dread that any further shock would overturn the balance of his sensitive mind

So it was that every hour that Carriston was out of my sight was fraught with anxiety If Ralph Carriston was really as unscrupulous as my friend supposed, if he had really, as seemed almost probable, suborned our agent, he might by some crafty trick obtain the needful certificate, and some day I should come home and find Carriston had been removed In such a case I foresaw great trouble and distress.

Besides, after all that had occurred, it was as much as I could do to believe that Carriston was not mad Any doctor who knew what I knew would have given the verdict against him

After dismissing his visions and hallucinations with the contempt which they deserved the fact of a man who was madly, passionately in love with a woman, and who believed that she had been entrapped and was still kept in restraint, sitting down quietly, and letting day after day pass without making an effort towards finding her, was in itself prima facie evidence of insanity A sane man would at once have set all the engines of detection at work

I felt that if once Ralph Carriston obtained possession of him he could make out a strong case in his own favor First of all the proposed marriage out of the defendant's own sphere of life, the passing under a false name the ridiculous or apparently ridiculous accusation made against his kinsman, the munificent threats the chastisement of his own paid agent who brought him a report which might not seem at all untrue to any one who knew not Madeline Rowan Leaving out of the question what might be wrung from me in cross-examination, Ralph Carriston had a strong case, and I knew that once in his power, my friend might possibly be doomed to pass years, if not his whole life under restraint So I was anxious, very anxious

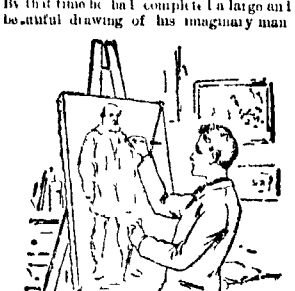
And I felt an anxiety scarcely second to that which prevailed on Carriston's account, as to the fate of Madeline Granting for sake of argument that Carriston's absurd conviction that no bodily harm had as yet been done her was true, I felt sure that she, with her scarcely less sensitive nature must feel the separation from her lover as much as he himself felt the separation from her Once or twice I tried to comfort myself with cynicism—tried to persuade myself that a young woman could not in our days be spirited away—that she had gone by her own free will—that there was a man who had at the eleventh hour alienated her affections from Carriston But I could not bring myself to believe this So I was placed between the horns of a dilemma—

If Madeline had not fled of her own free will, some one must have taken her away, and if so our agent's report was a cooked one, and if a cooked one issued at Ralph's instance, therefore Ralph must be the prime actor in the mystery

But in sober moments such a deduction seemed an utter absurdity

Although I have said that Carriston was doing nothing towards clearing up the mystery I wrong him in so saying After his own erratic way he was at work At such work too! I really lost all patience with him

He shut himself up in his room, out of which he scarcely stirred for three days By that time he had completed a large and beautiful drawing of his imaginary man



He completed a drawing of his imaginary man

This he took to a well known photographer and ordered several finished small photographs from it to be produced as quickly as possible The minute I saw a specimen which had been sent to the photographer's I knew it at the first batch of these photographs was sent home to myself and I did what I should have done days and days before, told my wife and put the matter into the hands of the police

I was glad to find that in giving details of what had happened Carriston said nothing about his invisibility I kept a watch on Ralph Carriston's movements He did not make any unusual journey toward Wales during the discovery of the missing girl and more over gave to the police large numbers of the completed photographs of his phantom man telling them in the gravest manner that he knew nothing at all of that likeness but something to do with the disappearance of Miss Rowan The officer who thought the portrait was that of a natural young lady took his instructions in good faith although he seemed greatly surprised when he heard that Carriston knew neither the name nor the occupation in fact, knew nothing concerning the man who was to be sought for However as Carriston assured him that finding this man would insure the reward as much as if he found Madeline the officer readily promised to combine the two task Little knowing, what waste of time any attempt to perform the latter must be

Two days after this Carriston came to me "I shall leave you to-morrow," he said.

"Where are you going?" I asked "Why do you leave?"

'I am going to travel about. I have no intention of letting Ralph get hold of me So I mean to go from place to place until I find Madeline"

"Be careful,' I urged

"I shall be careful enough I'll take care that no doctors surgeons, or even apothecaries get on my track I shall go just as the fit seizes me If I can't say one day where I shall be the next, it will be impossible for that villain to know'

This was not a bad argument In fact, if he carried out his resolve of passing quickly from place to place I did not see how he could plan anything more likely to defeat the intentions with which we credited his cousin. As to his finding Madeline by so long, that was another matter

His idea seemed to be that chance would sooner or later bring him in contact with the man of his dreams However, now that the search had been intrusted to the proper persons his own action in the matter was not worth troubling about I gave him many cautions. He was to be quiet and guarded in words and manner He was not to converse with strangers If he found himself dogged or watched by anyone he was to communicate at once with me But, above all, I begged him not to yield again to his mental infirmity The folly of a man who could avoid it throwing himself into such a state ought to be apparent to him

'Not oftener than I can help, was all the promise I could get from him "But see her I must sometimes, or I shall die"

I had now given up as hopeless the combat with his peculiar idiosyncrasy So with many expressions of gratitude on his part, we bade each other farewell

During his absence he wrote to me nearly every day, so that I might know his whereabouts in case I had any news to communicate But I had none The police failed to find the faintest clew I had been called upon by them once or twice in order that they might have every grain of information I could give I took the liberty of advising them not to waste their time in looking for the man, as his very existence was problematical It was but a fancy of my friend's, and not worth thinking seriously about I am not sure but what, after hearing this, they did not think the whole affair was an imagined one, and so relaxed their efforts

Once or twice Carriston, happening to be in the neighborhood of London came to see me, and slept the night at my house He also had no news to report Still, he seemed hopeful as ever

The weeks went by until Christmas was over and the New Year begun, but no sign, word or trace of Madeline Rowan 'I have seen her," wrote Carriston, several times She is in the same place—unhappy, but not ill treated"

Evidently his hallucinations were still in full force

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At first I intended that the whole of this tale should be told by myself but upon getting so far it struck me that the evidence of another actor who played an important part in the drama would give certain occurrences to the truth at first instead of second hand, so I wrote to my friend Dick Fenton of Frenchay Gloucestershire, and begged him, if he found himself capable of so doing, to put in simple narrative form his impressions of certain events which happened in January 1886 events in which we two were concerned He has been good enough to comply with my request. His communication follows.

PART THE SECOND.

[TOLD BY RICHARD FENTON, OF FRENCHAY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ESQUIRE.]

CHAPTER I

As my old friend Phil Brand has asked me to do this, I suppose I must. Brand is a right good fellow and a clever fellow, but has plenty of crotchets of his own The worst I know of him is that he insists upon having his own way with people With those who differ from him he is as obstinate as a mule Anyhow he has always had his own way with me This custom so far as I am concerned commenced years ago when we were boys at school together, and I have never been able to shake off the bad habit of giving in to him He has promised to use that my Queen's English is pretty stiff for, to tell the truth I am more at home across country than across foolscap and my fingers know the feel of the reins or the trigger better than that of the pen

All the same I hope he won't take too many liberties with my style but though it may be for old Brand at times is apt to get—well, a bit prosy To hear him on the subject of hard work and the sanctity thereof approaches the sublime

What freak took me to the little God-forsaken village of Malcombe in the depth of winter is entirely between myself and my conscience. The cause having no bearing upon the matters I am asked to tell you about, is no one's business but mine—I will only say that now I would not stay in such a place at such a time of the year for the sake of the prettiest girl in the world let alone the bare chance of meeting her once or twice But one's ideas change I am now a good bit older, ride some two stone heavier, and have been married over so many years Perhaps after all as I look back I can find some excuse for being such an ass as to endure for more than a fortnight all the discomforts heaped upon me in that little village inn

A man who sojourns in such a hole as Malcombe must give some reason for doing so My ostensible reason was hunting. I had a horse with me and associated subscription packs of slow going mongrels did meet somewhere in the neighborhood so no one could gainsay my explanation But if hunting was my object I got precious little of it A few days after my arrival a bitter biting frost set in—a frost as black as your hat and as hard as nails Yet still I stayed on

From private information received—no matter how when or where—I knew that some people on the neighborhood had organized a party to go skating on a certain day at Lily mere a fine sheet of water some distance from Malcombe I guessed that some one whom I particularly desired to meet would be there and as the skating at Lily mere was free to any one who chose to take the trouble of getting to such an out of the way place I hired a horse and an apology for a dog cart, and at 10 in the morning started to drive the twelve miles to the pond I took no one with me I had been to Lily mere once before in bright summer weather so fancied I knew the way well enough

The sky when I started was cloudy the wind was chopping round in a way which made the effete rustic of the locality predict a change of weather However I might Before I had driven two miles slight snow began to fall and by the time I reached Lily mere child little waste land about a mile from the Mere a thin film of white covered the whole country I tied my horse as well as I could then taking my skates with me walked down to the pond

Now whether I had mistaken the day or whether the threatening fall of snow had much certainly the change then made it did not know but to my unspeakable vexation no skaters were to be seen and, moreover, the uncut, white surface told me that none had been on the pond that morning Still hoping they might come in spite of the weather, I put on my skates and went outside edging and grape-vining all over the place But as there was no person in particular—in fact, no one at all—to note my powers, I soon got tired It was, indeed, dreary, dreary work But I waited and hoped until the snow came down so fast and furiously that I felt sure that waiting was in vain, and that I had driven to Lilymere for nothing

Back I went to the little inn utterly disgusted with things in general and feeling that to break some one's head would be a relief to me in my present state of mind Of course a sensible man would at once have got his horse between the shafts and driven home But whatever I may be now in those days I was not a sensible man—Brand will, I know, cordially indorse this remark—the accommodations of the inn was not such as to induce one to linger within its precincts, but the fire was a right good one, and a drink which I skilfully manufactured out of some hot beer not to be despised and proved warming to the body and I hung to the ruffle I temper So I lingered over the big fire until I began to feel hungry and upon the landlady assuring me that she could cook a rasher decided it would be wiser to stay where I was until the violence of the snow storm was over, for coming down it was now, and no mistake!

And it kept on coming down About half past three when I sorrowfully decided I was bound to make a move, it was snowing faster than ever I harnessed my horse, and laughing at the old woman's dismal prophecy that I should never get to Malcombe in such weather, gathered up the reins and away I went along the white road

I thought I knew the way well enough In fact, I had always prided myself upon remembering any road once driven over by me, but does any one who has not tried it really know how a heavy fall of snow changes the aspect of the country, and makes landmarks snares and delusions? I learned all about it then once and for all I found, also that the snow lay much deeper than I thought could possibly be in so short a time, and it still fell in a manner almost blinding Yet I went on bravely and merrily for some miles. Then came a bit of uncertainty—

Which of those two roads was the right one? This one, of course—no, the other There was no house near no one was likely to be passing in such weather, so I was left to exercise my free, unbiased choice, a privilege I would willingly have dispensed with However, I made the best selection I could, and followed it for some two miles Then I began to grow doubtful, and soon persuading myself that I was on the wrong track retraced my steps I was by this time something like a huge white plaster of-Paris figure, and the snow which had accumulated on the old dog-cart made it run heavier by half a ton, more or less By the time I came to that unlucky junction of roads at which my misfortunes began it was almost dark, the sky as black as a tarpaulin, yet sending down the white feathery flakes thicker and faster than ever I felt inclined to curse my folly in the at any rate I blame myself for now having started two or three hours earlier I'll warrant that steady going old Brand never had to accuse himself of such foolishness as mine.

Well, I took the other road, went on some way, came to a turning which I seemed to remember, and not without misgivings, followed it My misgivings increased when, after a little while, I found the road grew full of ruts, which the snow and darkness quite concealed from me until the wheels got into them Evidently I was wrong again I was just thinking of making the best of my way out of this rough and unfrequented road, when—there, I don't know how it happened, such things seldom occur to me—a stumble, a fall on the part of my tired horse sent me flying over the dash-board, with the only consoling thought that the reins were still in my hand.

Luckily the snow had made the falling pretty soft I soon picked myself up and set about estimating damages With some difficulty I got the horse out of the harness, and then felt free to inspect the dog cart. Alas! after the manner of the two wheel kind, whenever a horse thinks fit to fall one shaft had snapped off like a carrot, so here was I five miles apparently from anywhere, in the thick of a blinding snowstorm, left standing helpless beside a jaded horse and a broken cart—I should like to know what Brand would have done under the circumstances

As for me, I reflected for some minutes—reflection in a snowstorm is weary work. I reasoned, I believe, logically, and at last came to this decision I would follow the road If, as I suspected, it was but a cart track, it would probably soon lead to a habitation of some kind Any way, I had better try a bit farther I took hold of the wearied horse, and with snow under my feet snowflakes whirling round me, and a wind blowing right into my teeth, struggled on.

It was a journey! I think I must have been three quarters of an hour going about a quarter of a mile I was just beginning to despair, when I saw a welcome gleam of light I steered toward it fondly hoping that my troubles were at an end I found the light stole through the ill fitting window-shutters of what seemed so far as I could make out in the darkness, to be a small farm house. Tying to a gate the knotted reins by which I had been leading the horse, I staggered up to the door and knocked loudly Upon my honor until I leaned against that door-post I had no idea how tired I was—until that moment I never suspected that the finding of speedy shelter meant absolutely saving my life Covered from head to foot with snow my hat crushed in, I must have been a pitiable object

I fell forward into the house

No answer came to my first summons. It was only after I had given an imperative application of my heel that I began to suspect that the house was deserted. I was determined to give way a few kicks through the panel a woman's voice said who was there.

Let me in I said I have missed my way to Malcombe My horse has fallen You must give me shelter I might Open the door and let me in

Shall I You can't get bolted barricaded out a man may suffer these and go elsewhere

Put I must come in I am half frozen and at such inhospitality I can't go a step further Open the door at once'

"You be hanged, said the man "'Tis my house, not yours"

But you fool I mean to pay you well for your trouble Don't you know it means death wandering about on such a night as this! Let me in'

'You won't come in here," was the brutal and boorish reply The door closed.

That I was enraged at such inhospitality may be easily imagined, but if I said I was thoroughly frightened I believe no one would be surprised As getting into that house meant simply life or death to me into that house I determined to get, by door or window, by fair means or by foul So, as the door closed I hurled myself against it with all the might I could muster Although I ride much heavier now than I did then all my weight at that time was bone and muscle The violence of my attack tore from the lintel the staple which held the chain the door went back with a bang, and I fell forward into the house fully resolved to stay there with or without welcome or unwelcome

CHAPTER II

The door through which I had burst like a battering ram opened straight into a sort of kitchen sparsely enough furnished in a most unpretentious way in fact on my hands and knees I was well established in the center of the room before the man and woman emerged from behind the door where my successful assault had thrown them. I stood up and faced them They were a couple of ordinary, respectably-attired country people The man, a sturdy strong built, bull necked rascal, stood scowling at me and I concluded making up his mind as to what course to pursue

My good people,' I said "you are behaving in the most unheard of manner Can't you understand that I mean to pay you well for any trouble I give you? But whether you like it or not, here I stay to night To turn me out would be sheer murder"

So saying I pulled off my overcoat and began shaking the snow out of my whiskers I dare say my determined attitude, my respectable as well as my muscular appearance, impressed my unwilling hosts Any way, they gave in without more ado While the woman shut the door, through which the snowflakes were whirling, the man said sullenly:

"Well you'll have to spend the night on a chair We've no beds here for strangers Specially this as isn't wanted"

"Very well, my friend Having settled the matter you may as well make yourself pleasant Go and put my horse under cover, and give him a feed of some sort—make a mash if you can

After giving the woman a quick glance, as of warning my self to be on the alert I went out to the farm I suggested I gladly sank into a chair and warmed myself before a cheerful fire The prospect of spending the night and such discomfort was not alluring, but I had, at least, a roof over my head

As a rule, the more churlish the nature the more avaricious it is found to be. My promise of liberal remuneration was after all not without effect upon the strange couple whose refusal to afford me refuge had so nearly cost me my life They condescended to give me some tea and rough food After I had disposed of all that the man produced a bottle of gin We filled our glasses and then, with the aid of my pipe, I settled down to make the best of a night spent in a hard wooden chair.

I had come across strange people in my travels, but I have no hesitation in saying that my host was the sullenest, sulkiest most boorish specimen of human nature I had as yet met with In spite of his recent ill treatment of me I was ready to establish matters on a friendly footing, and made several attempts to draw him into conversation. The brute would only answer in monosyllables or often not answer at all So I gave up talking as a bad job and sat in silence, smoking and looking into the fire, thinking a good deal, it may be, of some one I should have met that morning at Lily mere, had the wretched snow but kept off

The long clock—that cumbrous eight-day machine which inevitably occupies one corner of every cottager's kitchen—struck nine The woman rose and left us I concluded she was going to bed If so I envied her Her husband showed no signs of retiring He still sat over the fire, opposite me. By this time I was dreadfully tired every bone in my body, ached The hard chair which, an hour or two ago seemed all I could desire, now scarcely came up to my ideas of the comfort I was justly entitled to claim My sulky companion had been drinking silently but steadily Perhaps the liquor he had poured into himself might have rendered his frame of mind more pleasant and amenable to reason

'My good fellow I said, 'your chairs are excellent ones of the kind, but deucedly uncomfortable I am horribly tired If the resources of your establishment can't furnish a bed for me to sleep on couldn't you find a mattress or something to lay down before the fire

'You've got all you'll get to-night,' he answered knocking the ashes out of his pipe

'Oh, but I say!'

'So do I say I say this If you don't like it you can leave it. We didn't ask you to come'

You infernal beast,' I muttered—and meant it too—I declare had I not been so utterly worn out I would have had that bullet head in front of me for a few rounds on his own kitchen floor and tried to knock him into a more amiable frame of mind

Never mind' I said 'but remember civility costs nothing and often gets rewarded However, if you wish to return to your own couch don't let your native politeness stand in your way Pray don't hesitate on my account Leave plenty of fuel and I shall manage until the morning

Were you to stay I say he answered Then he filled his pipe and once more relapsed into stony silence

I bothered him but him no more I dozed off for a few minutes—woke—dozed off again for half an hour I was in an uncomfortable state half asleep, half full of confused dreams—from which I started to wonder where I was and how I got there I even had glimpses of my travels All sorts of horrible travels I fancied I had undergone misadventures of every sort I fancied I had been murdered by ruffians and then I fancied that altogether I got into a row with

I make matters worse I remember I had the strength still to get out of my chair I moved the muscles that is but the legs refused and I knew from the cunning in the window panes that heavy rain had succeeded snow As the light of day I waited and listened with the ears of a hunted animal Everything in the house was still Everything in it did give me to understand that I was the only living creature

I think I tried every position which an ordinary man not an acrobat is capable of adopting with the assistance of a common wooden chair I even lay down on the hard flags I actually tried the bath I propped up the upper half of my body against the corner of the fireplace and fully persuaded myself by saying that my misery was only temporary—that the longest night must come to an end

My companion had by now succumbed to fatigue or to the combined effects of fatigue and gin and water His head was hanging sideways and he slept in a most uncomfortable attitude I chuckled as I looked at him, feeling quite sure that if such a clod was capable of dreaming at all his dreams must be worse even than mine I filled another pipe, poked the smoldering logs into a blaze, and sat almost nose and knees over the fire, finding some amusement in speculating upon the condition of the churl before me, and thanking the Lord I was not like unto this man. Suddenly an idea flashed across me

I had seen this fellow before But when or where I could not remember His features as I looked at them with keener interest seemed to grow more and more familiar to me Where could I have met him? Somewhere or other but where? I racked my brain to associate him with some scene, some event Although he was but an ordinary country man such as one sees scores of in a day's ride, only differing from his kind on account of his unpleasant face I felt sure we were old acquaintances When he awoke for a moment and changed his strained attitude, my feeling grew stronger and stronger Yet puzzle and puzzle as I would I could not call to mind a former encounter so at last I began to think the supposed recognition was pure fancy on my part

Having smoked out several pipes, I thought that a cigar would be a slight break to the monotony of the night's proceedings So I drew out my case and looked at its contents Among the weeds was one of a lighter color than the others. As I took it out I said to myself 'Why, old Brand gave me that one when I was last at his house' Curiously enough that cigar was the missing link in the chain of my memory As I held it in my hand I knew at once why my host's ugly face seemed familiar to me

About a fortnight before, being in town, I had spent the evening with the doctor He was not alone, and I was introduced to a tall, pale young man named Carriston. He was a pleasant, polite young fellow, although not much in my line At first I judged him to be a would be poet of the fashionable miserable school, but finding that he and Brand talked so much about art I eventually decided that he was one of the doctor's many artist friends Art is a hobby he lacks about on grandly (Alas, Brand's own attempts at pictures are simply atrocious!)

Just before I left, Carriston, the doctor's task being turned, asked me to step into another room There he showed me the portrait of a man. It seemed very cleverly drawn, and I presumed he wanted me to criticise it

I am a precious bad judge," I said

"I am not asking you to pass an opinion,' said Carriston, 'I want to beg a favor of you I am almost ashamed to beg it on so short an acquaintance"

He seemed modest and not in want of money, so I encouraged him to proceed

"I heard you say you were going into the country," he resumed 'I want to ask you if by any chance you should meet the original of that drawing, to telegraph at once to Dr. Brand"

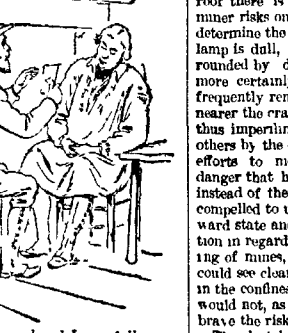
"Whereabouts does he live?"

"I have no idea. If chance throws him in your way please do as I ask"

"Certainly I will" I said, seeing the young man made the request in solemn earnest.

He thanked me, and then gave me a small photograph of the picture. This photograph he begged me to keep in my pocketbook, so that I might refer to it in case I met the man he wanted I put it there, went my way, and, am sorry to say, forgot all about it Had it not been for the strange cigar in my case bringing back Carriston's unusual request to my mind, the probabilities are that I should not have thought again of the matter Now by a remarkable coincidence, I was spending the night with the very man who, so far as my memory served me, must have sat for the portrait shown me at Brand's house

'I wonder what I did with the photo" I said I turned out my letter-case There it was, right enough! Shading it with one hand, I carefully compared it with the sleeper



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No doubt about it! So far as a photograph taken from a picture can go it was the man himself The same ragged beard the same coarse features, the same surly look Young Carriston was evidently a wonderful hand at knocking off a likeness. Moreover in case I had felt any doubt on the matter a printed note at the bottom of the photograph said that one joint was missing from a right hand finger Sure enough, my friend lacked that small portion of his misbegotten frame

This discovery threw me into an ecstasy of delight I laughed so loudly that I almost woke the ruffian I guessed I was going to take a glorious revenge for all the discomforts I had suffered No one I felt sure could be looking for such a fellow as this to do any good to him I was quite happy in the thought and for the remainder of the night gloated over the idea of putting a spoke in the wheel of one who had been within an ace of causing my death I resolved the moment I got back to civilization to send the desired intelligence to Brand, and hope for the best.

[TO BE CONTINUED]

Painted Photographs of Paintings

The trade in painted photographs of the works of famous artists has assumed such large dimensions in Germany that Defregger and other well known artists have engaged a lawyer to prosecute the offending firms who it seems are granted license to obliterate the signatures of the artists from the photograph Exchange

One Solution of the Question

The Roman Catholic bishop says that if the wealthy Irish would furnish a handsome dowry to Irish girls in Nebraska or Kansas they will be the safest and most profitable investment they could make There is reason he says why the land should not increase in price until it reaches a entire —New York Sun

Very few sensible ladies marry salesgentlemen

RISKS A MINER RUNS

A LIFE LOST FOR EVERY THOUSAND TONS OF COAL

The Chief Causes of Fatality in the —A Need of Better Light— After an Explosion— Electric Lighting.

[Scranton (Pa.) Letter]

For every 50,000 tons of coal mined anthracite regions one human life This is at the rate of fifty lives a month almost an average of two a day for working day in the year When the cost of coal is adjusted for the season the production and transportation is all fully summed up in the estimates but one factor of the cost of human life lost in getting the coal does not get into the estimations, and is never reckoned in the current. The chief causes of fatality in mines are explosions of gas and falls of coal ing While the most dreaded form of destruction, that of explosion, does not appear from statistics to be the most numerically yet it is attended by such a great and that adds to the melancholy of the fate of its victims. Every life lost in a mine explosion is a sacrifice to carelessness the careless and culpable act of a miner to the more deliberate carelessness of owners in omitting to provide better and ventilation in the mine

Scarcely a week passes in the coal without news of some disaster from explosion or the falling of a mine roof every accident is followed by the cry has been made ever since coal mining in the region, that there must be better for use in mines The cry is soon forgotten because it has never been followed any practical effort on the part of the most interested to make it of practical fect.

WHEN DANGER IS IMMINENT

Accidents in mines are enormously increased by the darkness. A danger greater than that from a gas explosion consists menaces a miner Of the deadly power of the fire-damp he may frequently have sense of smell to warn him, but the danger he can only discover with his This danger is that from the fall of coal in the roofs and one-third of the lost in the coal mines are lost by these of coal.

A blast in a mine may shatter a large area of coal than is thrown down. The miner sees a crack in the wall ahead of him or in the roof above him, he knows his danger, and he can tell whether it is imminent by his never-failing test of the pick in wet clay This clay, plastered over the crack, will shortly tell him whether the crack is stationary or is slowly but surely enlarging and advancing toward the miner of the fall of rock or coal If the crack is enlarging the clay will soon show a crack in itself. Then there is danger swift and near

The miner has the reputation of being the most reckless and heedless person, and evidence of many mine accidents would seem plainly that except for some careless act of a workman it would not have happened The danger of fire-damp is as well known to the miner as the fact that he is alive and such an act of bravado or thoughtless carelessness as striking a match to light his pipe in going forward with a naked lamp or a burning candle while there was a strong suspicion that the deadly fire-damp was lurking at his side would seem to be the madness of self-destruction Not even the most reckless would be supposed capable of thus deliberately inviting a horrible death or of subjecting himself to see his chance of life and death slowly wear away while he is imprisoned in a locked-up gallery Yet the interior of a mine after an explosion too often bears the mute but unmistakable witness as to the cause. It may be a half-burned candle sometimes still clutched in the dead miner's hand, or a box of matches partly emptied or a naked or unlocked lamp. It is a common thing to hear the report of a mine accident of this kind ending with the statement "Caused by a miner working with a naked lamp"

A BETTER LIGHT NEEDED

But in making the clay test to discover the danger that may be present in a coal roof there is not much wonder that miner risks one danger to the more surely determine the imminence of another The lamp is dull, and the testing clay is surrounded by darkness. The miner thinks more certainly the work of the pick frequently removes his candle, and he goes nearer the crack to give him a better light thus imperiling his own life and those of others by the danger of exploding gas. All efforts to more surely escape the danger that he knows may be present, instead of the fire-fly lamp the miner is compelled to use because of the still backward state and scientific neglect of invention in regard to the better and safer working of mines, he had a light by which he could see clearly what was threatening him in the confines of the gloomy chamber, and would not, as now, constantly be tempted to brave the risk of fire-damp.

The electric lighting of mines has been suggested and experimented with, but does not seem to be practical in the workings galleries and isolated chambers of the anthracite mines. The lights would have to be so numerous that the cost would be great. The lighting of mines by electricity, as a rule, beyond the consideration of mining experts. "What is needed" says an old Scranton mine boss "is a portable lamp to be carried, and capable of a brilliancy so great that the necessary safety screen can be reduced to a dullness that will temptation miner to bring the naked flame of a lamp or candle in contact with mine gas. In order that he may insure himself against the one danger he fears more than any explosion I believe that kerosene could be made to become the medium of producing light. It is cheap and safe To the man who will invent an appliance by which may be used will surely come fame and fortune and the blessings of his fellowmen If some brilliant inventive genius could by experience even for a short time the position of a miner when, in the absolute and inky darkness of a mine passage he hears the ominous sound of crackling beams and falling stones and coal overhead, the fear which no repetition of the sound can cure and I should feel as he must, the irresistible instinct that he must have light even at the risk of other peril he would certainly turn his thoughts and invention to the relief of workmen toiling underground until they are discovered and applied the boon for which they have sighed so long—more light.

Stingy M. Grevy.

"M Grevy" says a chatty per Paris "is very rich and very miserly eats plain food because he is too stingy to buy dainties. How much he is worth one knows but it cannot well be less than $7 500,000 a large part of which is in houses. And he is saving money time out of his salary

Only 700 Buffalo Left.

George Bird Grinnell of New York has been visiting the Yellowstone National park, and says there are only 700 buffalo left on the American continent.

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